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**U.S. Stocks hit milestone; return to pre-recession levels**

Specialist Joseph P. Mastrolia, left, and Broker Gerard E. Farco, right, work the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012 (AP Photo/David Karp)



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**NEW YORK (AP)** — The last

time the stock market was this high, the Great Recession had just started, and stocks were pointed toward a headlong descent. But on Thursday, the Dow Jones industrial average

hit its highest mark since December 2007, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index soared to its highest level since January 2008 in a rally that seemed destined to mark a milestone: American stocks have come almost all the way back.

A long-anticipated plan

to support struggling countries in the European Union provided the necessary jolt, and the gains were extraordinarily broad. All but 13 stocks in the S&P index were up. European markets surged, too.

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# U.S. Stocks hit milestone; return to pre-recession levels

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**"There's just a sea of green,"** said JJ Kinahan, TD Ameritrade's chief derivatives strategist. "It's pretty fun."

At the start of 2008, the U.S. economy was already a month into recession, though most people scarcely knew it at the time. The S&P had recently hit an all-time high, and the unemployment rate was 5 percent, compared with the current 8.3 percent. Then, in March 2008, the investment bank Bear Stearns collapsed under the weight of bad mortgage bets, and investors began to sell. In September, the full financial crisis took hold as Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, banks stopped lending to each other and investors began dumping stocks in earnest. By March 2009, the S&P had dropped 57 percent from its high to hit a 12-year

low of 676.

Since then, the index has been on an impressive if often bumpy climb. Helping to power it was unprecedented support from the Federal Reserve, which

critics say has reignited a dangerous gambling spirit among professional investors, and record profits at big U.S. companies.

Although stocks have rebounded, the broader

economy is still lagging. But Barry Knapp, head of U.S. equity strategy at Barclays Capital, said stocks tend to anticipate the future economy rather than reflecting current conditions. So the signs are good.

"It can be a misleading forecasting tool, but sometimes it's telling you something significant," he said. "It's entirely possible the stock market is telling us that there is a better economic environment out there."

So could the rally help President Obama? A number of recent studies have connected a rising stock market to improved odds of re-election for the incumbent president. Since 1900, when the S&P 500 has posted gains from July to October in an election year, voters returned the sitting president to the White House 80 percent of the time, according to a study by S&P Capital IQ.

Thursday's rally got momentum after the president of the European Central Bank unveiled a new program to buy government bonds from the region's struggling countries with the aim of lowering their borrowing costs. Mario Draghi said the program will have no set limit on how much it can buy.

That was just what investors needed to hear. The S&P 500 index jumped 28.68 points to 1,432.12. The Dow Jones industrial average surged 244.52 points to 13,292. The Nasdaq composite index also reach a milestone, gaining 66.54 points to close at 3,135.81, its highest level in 12 years. Germany's DAX and France's CAC-40 each rallied 3 percent. The gains were even bigger in Spain and Italy, the two largest countries to become caught up in the region's long-running government debt crisis. □



**President Barack Obama hugs former President Bill Clinton on stage at the Democratic National Convention, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in Charlotte, N.C. A number of recent studies have connected a rising stock market to improved odds of re-election for the incumbent president, which bodes well for President Obama. Since 1900, when the S&P 500 has posted gains from July to October in an election year, voters returned the sitting president to the White House 80 percent of the time, according to a study by S&P Capital IQ.**

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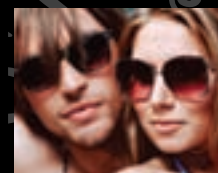
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# '08 magic returns for Obama in DNC speech

**CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP)** — Barack Obama, his re-election in doubt, looked to reignite the excitement that powered his first run for the presidency, promising better days ahead in a speech accepting the Democratic Party nomination before thousands of charged-up party loyalists and millions of television viewers.

The speech at the Democratic National Convention was a crucial one for Obama with just two months to go before the Nov. 6 vote.

It was an opportunity to directly address undecided voters, especially those who had been swayed by his inspiring message of hope in 2008, but now feel disillusioned after years of economic weakness and persistent political bickering.

Obama was assuring them: "Our problems can be solved, our challenges can be met."

"The path we offer may be harder, but it leads to a better place," he said in his speech to the DNC in Charlotte.

Obama looked to build on the message delivered throughout the convention: that America is on the road to recovery while Republican rival Mitt Romney would revive failed policies, cutting taxes for the rich and slashing programs that give the poor and middle class a chance for a more prosperous future.

Republicans, who nominated Romney last week, argue that America's high 8.3 percent unemployment rate is proof that Obama's policies have failed and that the president's spend-thrift, big-government policies have hurt business and caused the federal deficit to soar.

The two candidates are locked in tight race. Polls show that Romney, a wealthy businessman and former governor of Massachusetts, is seen as the better candidate for improving the economy, while Obama is viewed as more likable and having a better understanding of everyday



**Delegates support President Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. President Obama, with his re-election in doubt, looked to reignite the excitement that powered his first run for the presidency, promising better days ahead in a speech accepting the Democratic Party nomination before thousands of charged-up party loyalists and millions of television viewers. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)**

Americans.

Obama's speech marks the climax of the three-day convention. First lady Michelle Obama highlighted the first day, talking about her husband's humble roots and compassion for those living through tough times. Bill Clinton, the popular former president who led the United States during years of prosperity, gave a rousing speech Wednesday, vouching for Obama's economic policies and urging Americans not to turn back to Republicans. After Clinton's speech, Democrats formally approved Obama's nomination in a roll-call vote.

Among the speakers whom preceded Obama on Thursday were Vice President Joe Biden and actress Eva Longoria. □

## Suspects still at large in LA heist

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Authorities investigating a bizarre bank heist on Thursday searched the home of a bank manager who was told to strap what she believed was a bomb to her midsection and was forced to order employees to "take out all the money" from her branch.

Two masked gunmen got away with an undisclosed amount of cash from the Bank of America when it opened Wednesday morning, but no one was injured in the robbery. No arrests had been made as of Thursday afternoon.

Boxes of evidence were removed from the bank employee's home, according to Lt. Neal Mongan of Huntington Park police, whose detectives are leading the kidnapping portion of the probe.

The bank manager was snatched in front of her home Wednesday morning, said sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker. She arrived at her workplace wearing the device.

"She was told that it was explosives and she was ordered to go into the bank and take out all the money," Parker said. "She did

do that in fear for her life." A Los Angeles County sheriff's bomb squad disabled the device, but investigators said it wasn't an explosive. She ordered her fellow employees to remove the

did enter the safe.

The two men, who were armed with handguns and wore ski masks, took off in a two-door car and remain at large.

Parker said the woman re-

hours as a precaution.

Investigators initially said they didn't believe the manager knew the robbers but they have conducted interviews to ensure she wasn't connected to the crime. Authorities haven't said how the bank manager was targeted by the robbers. Investigators are trying to determine if there were any video surveillance cameras that captured the incident. They added that no further information about the bank video or 911 calls were being released.

Southern California has long been a target for bank robbers. Its most infamous heist was the televised shootout between Los Angeles police and two gunman wearing body armor in 1997. Both robbers were killed.

The area saw a three-decade low in bank robberies last year, tallying more than 280 across seven counties. In 1992, there were more than 2,600.

Using a bank manager to rob their own business is rare, authorities said, let alone strap a purported explosive device to an unwilling victim. □



**Los Angeles Police bomb squad members check for explosive devices outside a Bank of America branch in Los Angeles. Authorities say two gunmen kidnapped a bank manager, held her overnight and strapped a device to her stomach before robbing a Bank of America. The woman was told by the robbers the device was an explosive. The woman then had employees take money from the bank and put it outside. The suspects remain at large**

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

cash from the bank and it was thrown to the men who were waiting outside, authorities said. Parker would only say there was "a decent amount" of money at the bank and the manager

remained inside the bank until a bomb squad arrived and removed the device from her body. The bomb squad later disabled the item with a robot. Nearby businesses were evacuated for a few



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## Drew Peterson convicted of murdering 3rd wife

**MICHAEL TARM**  
**Associated Press**

**JOLIET, Illinois (AP)** — Drew Peterson, the swaggering former suburban Chicago police officer who generated a media storm after his much-younger fourth wife vanished in 2007, was convicted Thursday of murdering his third wife in a case based mainly on second-hand hearsay statements from the two women.

Peterson, 58, sat stoically looking straight ahead and did not react as the verdict was read. Several of his third wife's relatives gasped before hugging each other as they cried quietly in the courtroom.

Illinois has no death penalty, and Peterson now faces a maximum 60-year prison term when sentenced in Kathleen Savio's death on Nov. 26. The trial was the first of its kind in Illinois history, with prosecutors building their case largely on hearsay thanks to a new law, dubbed "Drew's Law," tailored to Peterson's case.

That hearsay, prosecutors had said, would let his third and fourth wives "speak from their graves" through family and friends to convict Peterson.

Hearsay is any information reported by a witness that is not based on the witness' direct knowledge. Its use at the trial could also be grounds for an appeal from Peterson.

The verdict is a vindication for Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow and his team, who gambled by putting on a case that they themselves conceded was filled with holes. They then went on to commit a series of blunders during testimony that drew the judge's ire. One question at trial was how much Peterson's personality might influence the jurors. Before his 2009 arrest, the glib, cocky Peterson seemed to taunt authorities, joking on talk shows and even suggesting a "Win a Date With Drew" contest. His notoriety inspired a TV movie starring

Rob Lowe.

It all began with a gruesome discovery.

A neighbor came across Savio's body on March 1,

hair was blood-soaked and she had a gash on the back of her head.

The drowning death of the 40-year-old aspiring nurse



**Pam Bosco, a family spokesperson for Stacy Peterson, speaks outside the Will County Courthouse in Joliet, Ill., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, after a jury convicted former Bolingbrook, Ill., police officer Drew Peterson of murdering his third wife, Kathleen Savio, in 2004. Peterson, the former suburban Chicago police officer who generated a media storm after his much-younger fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, vanished in 2007, was convicted in a case based mainly on secondhand hearsay statements from the two women.**

2004, and let out a scream. Others ran up the stairs of her suburban Chicago home to behold the scene: Savio lay face down in her dry bathtub. Her thick black

was initially deemed an accident — a freak slip in the tub. After Peterson's fourth wife, 23-year-old Stacy Peterson, went missing in 2007, Savio's body was ex-

humed, re-examined and her death reclassified as a homicide.

Peterson had divorced Savio a year before her death. His motive for killing her, prosecutors said, was fear that a pending settlement, which included their \$300,000 home, would wipe him out financially.

The 12 jurors deliberated for more than 13 hours before reaching a decision. The jurors, who raised questions about whether they were taking the case seriously by donning different coordinated outfits each day of testimony, did not wear matching attire on Thursday.

Defense attorney Ralph Meczyk said Peterson was saddened by the verdict but didn't say much. He said the defense would appeal. "Hearsay is the big issue."

It's the law, but the law has to be changed," Meczyk said. Fascination nationwide with the former Bolingbrook police sergeant arose from speculation he sought to parlay three decades of law enforcement expertise into getting away with murder. "Finally somebody heard Kathleen's cry," her stepmother, Marcia Savio, told reporters after the verdict.

Savio's brother, Nick Savio, grew emotional as he read a statement from the family outside court, calling Drew Peterson a "cold-blooded killer" and saying "everyone gets payback for what they have done to others."

## Arrested skating coach accused of sex abuse

**ERIC TUCKER**  
**Associated Press**

**UPPER MARLBORO, Maryland (AP)** — A coach and former Soviet skater arrested on a warrant from New York is accused in a lawsuit in Maryland of fondling a teenage figure skater in his hotel room. The lawsuit accuses Genrikh Sretenski of kissing the girl and touching her breasts against

her will as the two were in Lake Placid, New York, for a competition in July 2011. The suit, filed in July in Prince George's County, Maryland, by the girl's father, also alleges Sretenski sent more than 500 text messages, including "I go crazy when I look at you" and "I love you," and continued making advances even after she asked him to stop.

The girl, identified in court papers as an "elite, nationally acclaimed skater," quit the sport because of what happened and suffered severe emotional distress, according to the lawsuit, which seeks \$5 million in damages.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault and is not naming the girl's father to

protect her identity.

Sretenski, 50, was arrested Tuesday in Howard County on the New York criminal warrant. Authorities there won't talk about the case because the indictment remains sealed, except to say that it involves an allegation from last year in Lake Placid, a hub of figure skating training and competition. □





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# Attorneys: Fort Hood suspect offered guilty plea

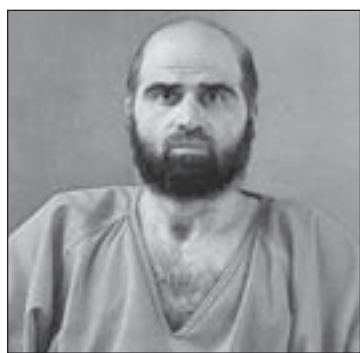
**ANGELA K. BROWN**  
**Associated Press**

**FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)** — The U.S. Army psychiatrist charged in the 2009 Fort Hood massacre twice offered to plead guilty and "accept full responsibility" for the crime earlier this year, his lead defense attorney said Thursday.

After the government turned him down in January, Maj. Nidal Hasan offered to plead guilty again last month without a deal — and also tried to challenge Army rules that prohibit a judge from accepting a guilty plea to murder in a death penalty case, said Lt. Col. Kris Poppe.

Hasan faces a death sentence if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder, even if he decides to plead guilty to 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the 2009

attack on the Texas Army post. The revelations about his attempts to plead guilty came before the judge, Col. Gregory Gross, ruled Hasan must be clean-shav-



**Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting. A military judge was expected Thursday to give an official order for a forcible beard shaving for Hasan. An appeals court has said Hasan can appeal that order, thus triggering another delay in his upcoming murder trial. (AP Photo)**

en or have his beard forcibly shaved before his murder trial, which is on hold again because Hasan's attorneys will appeal the order. Hasan told the judge last week that he grew a beard because his Muslim faith requires it, not as a show of disrespect. Gross said Thursday that the defense didn't prove Hasan is growing a beard for sincere religious reasons.

Hasan's attorneys discussed his attempts to plead guilty while disputing prosecutors' claims that he grew the beard this summer to make it more difficult for witnesses to identify him at his trial. But prosecutors also said Hasan's beard might be interpreted as trying to intimidate a witness because it's a sign he's trying to affiliate with the mujahedeen, Muslim guerrilla fighters. They gave the judge a transcript

of a telephone call last summer between Hasan and Al-Jazeera in which he allegedly apologized for being part of "an illegal organization" — the U.S. Army. Beards are a violation of Army regulations, and soldiers who disobey orders to get rid of facial hair can be shaved against their will. Gross repeatedly has said Hasan's beard is a disrup-

tion to the court proceedings.

Gross has found Hasan in contempt of court at six previous pretrial hearings because he was not clean-shaven, then sent him to a nearby trailer to watch the proceedings on a closed-circuit television. But the judge allowed Hasan to remain in the courtroom for Thursday's hearing. □

## Arizona:

# Police in minefield on immigration law

**BOB CHRISTIE**  
**Associated Press**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — The most contentious part of Arizona's immigration law finally has approval to move forward, surviving a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, a heated national debate and two years of state politics. But the practical effect of what critics call the "show me your papers" provision remains to be seen. Immigrants are worried they'll be harassed by officers emboldened to pull them over because they look Hispanic.

Officers — who will be required to ask people they encounter while enforcing other laws to show they're in the county legally if they find them suspicious — say they'll be open to lawsuits if they're accused of racially

profiling, or if they're accused of not adequately enforcing the law.

"It leaves us in a very, very, very, extremely gray area," Sheriff Clarence Dupnik said Thursday. "So now we get sued when we do profile, and we get sued if we don't profile."

Yet, it may be difficult to see the results.

Parts of the law, passed by a Republican-controlled state legislature and signed by Republican Gov. Jan Brewer in 2010, have been in effect for months but largely ignored — mostly because they seem to address problems that don't exist, immigrant rights advocates say.

Dan Pochoda, the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona's legal director, said the parts of the law

known as SB1070 already in effect "have had virtually no impact."

He added that "we haven't even heard of any attempts to use" the other provisions. Those sections of the immigration law include a ban on the adoption of so-called sanctuary city policies. The rule is aimed at preventing local government officials from deciding to pick and choose which federal immigration policies to enforce and which to ignore. There have been no reported violations in the state.

Another provision says that state and local agencies can't have a ban on sharing information, and therefore must cooperate in determining whether a person is a legal citizen eligible for public benefits. □

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## Kansas City Bishop convicted of shielding pedophile priest

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Bishop Robert W. Finn was found guilty Thursday on one count of failing to report suspected child abuse, becoming the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States in the decades-long sexual abuse scandals to be convicted of shielding a pedophile priest.

In an abruptly announced bench trial that lasted a little over an hour, Judge John M. Torrence of Jackson County Circuit Court found Finn guilty of one misdemeanor charge, and not guilty on a second. The charges each carried a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine, but Finn received a sentence of two years of court-supervised probation. It was a sudden ending to a case that has consumed the church in Kansas City and threatened to turn into a sensational, first-ever trial of a sitting prelate. The case had been scheduled for a jury trial later this month, but on Wednesday the prosecution announced that it would be decided in one afternoon before a judge.

Finn said in court before he was sentenced, "I am pleased and grateful that the prosecution and the courts have allowed this matter to be completed. The protection of children is paramount."

He added, "I truly regret and am sorry for the hurt that these events have caused."

The church managed to avoid a lengthy, highly public jury trial like the one that occurred this year

in Philadelphia, where a high-ranking assistant to the archbishop was convicted of child endangerment and sentenced to prison for three to six years. The trial before the judge in Kansas City also spared the young victims or their parents from having to testify. The judge dropped two charges against the diocese itself. The case arose when Finn failed to report the Rev. Shawn Ratigan to the police in Decem-

ber 2010, after the bishop learned that his employees had discovered hundreds of photographs of young girls' genitals, naked and clothed, on a laptop computer that Ratigan had brought in for repairs.



**Bishop Robert Finn, center, enters a courtroom in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 6, 2012. Bishop Finn was found guilty Thursday on one count of failing to report suspected child abuse, becoming the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States in the decades-long sexual abuse scandals to be convicted of shielding a pedophile priest.**

(Steve Hebert/The New York Times)

ber 2010, after the bishop learned that his employees had discovered hundreds of photographs of young girls' genitals, naked and clothed, on a laptop computer that Ratigan had brought in for repairs. After Ratigan survived a suicide attempt, the bishop reassigned him to live in a convent and stay away from children. But Ratigan continued to attend church events and take lewd pictures of girls for another five months, until the church reported him in May 2011. The bishop was found guilty on the charge relating only

to that time period. The prosecutor, Jean Peters Baker, told the judge in opening arguments that Finn had been given ample warning that Ratigan was a danger to children. She said that the priest had even admitted to Finn that he had "a pornography problem."

The prosecutor said, "Defendant Finn is the ultimate authority. The buck does stop with him."

In May 2010, the principal

of the Catholic elementary school where Ratigan was working sent a letter to the diocese raising alarm about him. The letter said he had put a girl on his lap on a bus ride, encouraged children to reach into his pockets for candy and parents discovered girls' underwear in a planter outside his house. Finn has said he did not read the letter until a year later.

A computer technician discovered the photographs on Ratigan's laptop in December 2010, and immediately reported it to the diocese. □

## US dad, friend charged in pit bull attack on son

DINESH RAMDE  
Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — A man who suspected an 18-year-old visiting his home of stealing morphine and gold coins was charged Thursday with tying the teen by his ankles and ordering his pit bull to attack, while the teen's own father helped. Richard R. Lisko, 58, is charged with false imprisonment, injury by negligent use of a dangerous weapon and substantial battery. The teen's father, Joel E. Kennedy, 43, is charged with being party to a crime of the same felonies, and also with failing to help a victim.

Prosecutors said Kennedy and his son, Joel Kennedy Jr., visited Lisko's home last Friday for the weekend, and Lisko began accusing the teen of theft. He then commanded his dog, Bubba, to attack, the criminal complaint said.

The teen told investigators Lisko then tied the dog leash around his ankles, and Lisko and his father suspended the teen from a porch rafter. He said the dog was ordered to attack him further, and that he was kept upside down for about an hour.

The teen suffered cuts and punctures to his neck, ears and scalp that investigators said appeared consistent with dog bites and scratches. He also had rope burns around his feet and ankles. "My dad helped the guy tie me up," the teen told WISN-TV. "I was dripping blood everywhere, all over the place. Kennedy told detectives he didn't try to stop Lisko "because he was paralyzed with fear that Lisko was a member of the Outlaw bikers," the com-



**This photo shows Joel E. Kennedy, Kennedy, 43, and Richard R. Lisko were charged with multiple felonies Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, after prosecutors said they collaborated to tie up Kennedy's teenage son by the ankles, suspend him upside-down and command a pit bull to attack him. (AP Photo)**

plaint said. "He also stated that he felt his son needed to be taught a lesson."

Kennedy had no attorney at an initial court appearance, where a judge ordered him held on \$50,000 cash bond. The judge imposed a \$100,000 cash bond on Lisko. A woman who answered the phone at the Fond du Lac County public defender's office Thursday afternoon said her office hadn't received any requests for attorneys to represent either man.

Lisko faces unrelated charges of child abuse stemming from 2011 allegations that he repeatedly punched a boy who tried to stop Lisko's dog from attacking the boy's mother. A jury trial in that case is set for December.

Defense attorney Dan Stevens, who represents Lisko in the prior case and said he expects to be Lisko's lawyer for the new charges, said his client never would order his dog to attack a person. □



# Not by design, another Clinton watches DNC from afar

STEVEN LEE MYERS

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**CHARLOTTE/BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei** – When Michelle Obama addressed the Democratic National Convention on Tuesday night in Charlotte, N.C., it was already Wednesday morning in Beijing, and Hillary Rodham Clinton was meeting with China's president in the Great Hall of the

his secretary of state nearly four years ago: forswearing partisan politics in favor of foreign policy.

She has traveled the world – Brunei is the 110th country she has visited as secretary – and stayed out of the political fray, if not the spotlight.

"It didn't start in Charlotte," her longtime adviser Philippe Reines said in an in-

sia's president, Vladimir Putin, to skip a summit meeting of the Group of 8 nations that Obama hosted at Camp David in May.) Clinton is scheduled to arrive in Russia on Friday as the confetti and balloons are being cleared in Charlotte, wrapping up a 10-day swing through Asia that began the day Mitt Romney accepted the Republican

tion in November. She has repeatedly said she is done with politics – and her closest advisers say they believe her, though they note that things could change if Romney wins and the Democrats begin searching for a new challenger.

Reines expressed some gleeful satisfaction that speculation about Clinton taking another post – heading the World Bank, or replacing Joe Biden as the vice-presidential nominee – had now been proved false, as he had insisted all along, saying she remained focused only on her current job.

None of this is to suggest that Clinton does not have a rooting interest in events in Charlotte – and a personal one.

Bill Clinton, she said, had read parts of his speech to her over the last few days, and at the Foreign Ministry in East Timor she held up a copy of his remarks "as prepared for delivery," in Washington parlance. She did not divulge what, if any, editing advice she had given.

"It's a great honor for him to be nominating the president," she said, even as Bill Clinton was concluding his remarks in Charlotte. □



Hillary Clinton, the U.S. secretary of state, watches her husband, former President Bill Clinton give a speech at the Democratic National Convention on a computer monitor while in Dili, East Timor, Sept. 6, 2012. Clinton has spent the past week doing what she has done ever since President Barack Obama chose her as his secretary of state: forswearing partisan politics in favor of foreign policy.

(Nicholas Merrill/U.S. State Department)

People.

When her husband, former President Bill Clinton, spoke the following night, she was meeting with East Timor's foreign minister after touring a U.S.-financed coffee cooperative in Dili, the capital of the young island nation between the Banda and Timor Seas.

When President Barack Obama accepts the Democratic nomination for a second term Thursday night, she will be here in Brunei, quite literally half a world away from a quadrennial exercise she has not missed since Hubert H. Humphrey Jr. won the nod in her hometown, Chicago, in 1968.

Hillary Clinton – once and, some fervently hope, a future standard-bearer for the Democratic Party – has spent the last week doing what she has done ever since Obama chose her as

terview during her flight this week from Indonesia to China. He noted that Clinton had stopped raising funds, making endorsements or, for the most part, inveighing on political debates of any sort. "She's had to miss everything on that front ever since January 2009."

Her trip, contrary to some speculation, was not an intentional effort to stay away from the convention – far, far away. By law, as secretary of state, she would not have attended anyway, even if she were home.

Rather, it had to do with the coincidental timing of the annual summit meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum this week in Vladivostok, Russia, which Obama could not attend for what Reines called "the obvious reasons." (Obama's long-planned absence may have prompted Rus-

nomination in Tampa, Fla.

"Officially, let me say that for decades secretaries of state have not attended political conventions because of the nonpartisan nature of our foreign policy," she said at the Foreign Ministry in Dili on Thursday in what were her first public remarks on either party's convention.

Whether foreign policy remains "nonpartisan" is increasingly a matter of debate at home, but she said, "I think it's a good rule. It's one that I certainly accepted."

Even so, her absence in Charlotte reflected a significant milestone in her political life, and perhaps the end of it.

Clinton, who turns 65 in October, has said she would serve for the remainder of Obama's first term and then step down, regardless of the outcome of the elec-

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# Syria's rebels struggling with Assad's air power

PAUL SCHEMM

Associated Press

**MAREA, Syria (AP)** — Lt. Col. Maan al-Mansour's mission is to capture the Syrian air base where he once served.

The 22-year air force veteran, who defected in June to the rebellion, led an attack by hundreds of fighters on the Kuwiras military airport last week. In a fierce battle, they hammered the base with mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenades for four hours, nearly overrunning it until they were driven back by sustained strafing and bombing by jet fighters.

Al-Mansour says he's determined to try again. Syria's rebels have turned to a new tactic of attacking bases, trying to stop the jets

and attack helicopters that have wreaked devastation on their fighters and civilians in the battleground city of Aleppo and the nearby countryside.

"We are going to destroy the place that causes all this destruction," al-Mansour said. "The pilots inside are my friends and I like them, but they are on the wrong side, they destroy buildings with the innocent and children inside, so when I attack the airport, I think of them."

Rebels drove the Syrian army out of the countryside north of Aleppo long ago and claim to control more than two-thirds of Aleppo, Syria's largest city, where they have battled to a standstill the regime forces trying for more than



**Syrian rebel fighter Ammar Aldeerani, 21, a defected soldier from the Syrian security forces, poses for a picture at a house where he and others wait their turn to go and fight against government forces in Aleppo, in Marea on the outskirts of Aleppo city, Syria. Syria's rebels have turned to a new tactic of attacking bases, trying to stop the jets and attack helicopters that have wreaked devastation on their fighters and civilians in the battleground city of Aleppo and the nearby countryside.**

(AP Photo/Muhammed Muheisen)

a month to uproot them. But the military is turning increasingly to its largely

unchallenged air power, using its aircraft to strike in Aleppo and throughout the small towns that dot the rebel-held areas to the north. The growing reliance suggests the regime is trying to spare its elite troops of the Republican Guard and the Fourth Armored Division, which have borne the brunt of past year and a half of fighting, according to

Maplecroft, a British-based risk analysis company.

"The Syrian military is becoming increasingly concerned that its superiority in terms of numbers and firepower belies significant weaknesses such as troop fatigue, growing defections, and a lack of experience in irregular warfare," it said in a recent briefing.

Rebels claim to have shot down a few aircraft, but they admit there is little to do about the threat from above — so they are moving against the source.

"We control the ground in Aleppo but the regime has the air force and controls the air," Abdul Qadir Saleh, the field commander of the Tawhid Brigade, told journalists in Istanbul. "We will solve this by destroying airports and air bases."

Driving through the green fields of corn and olive orchards of Aleppo province, life almost seems to have returned to normal with farmers riding tractors and children playing soldier in the dusty streets of the small towns under the scorching summer sun. □



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# Girl hid under bodies after French Alps slayings

JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

**ANNECY, France (AP)** — For at least eight hours, the 4-year-old girl lay motionless, frightened and alone, hiding under her dead mother's skirt on the floor of a BMW after a killing spree in the French Alps. As the hours ticked by, police peered through the car's windows at the lifeless bodies of her parents and grandmother.

Only after police forensic experts finally arrived shortly before midnight from Paris, peeling back the blood-stained layers of the grisly crime scene, did the girl crawl out apparently unharmed — asking, with a smile and hugs, where her family was.

The motive for the slayings of the family and a French cyclist whose body was found nearby remained unclear Thursday, a day after the bodies were found in a wooded area up a mountain road from the village of Chevaline, near bucolic Annecy Lake. Earlier, rescuers had whisked the child's wound-

ed 7-year-old sister to a hospital as helicopters scanned the area. All the while, immobilized by fear, the girl had remained huddled alone, steps away from investigators.

Never did they think anyone else was still alive.

"The girl was found totally immobile behind the front passenger-side seat, under the legs — under the skirt — of one of the women, hidden behind a large travel bag, totally invisible and silent, which explains why no one saw her before," French state prosecutor Eric Maillaud told a news conference in Annecy.

The case took on international ramifications, with links that tied the slain family to Britain, Iraq and Sweden.

The murders first came to light when a British cyclist telephoned authorities after passing the body of the slain Frenchman. The Briton — a former Royal Air Force pilot — then saw the badly wounded older girl lunging toward him. The car's motor still running, he laid the child on the ground to give

her first aid that French authorities said saved her life. The go-ahead to open up the car and start unraveling the mystery was given only after police forensic experts flew in — hours after the British cyclist's call. Authorities insisted they didn't want to compromise the crime scene.



Maillaud said three of the victims — the man, the elderly woman and the French cyclist — had gunshot wounds to the head, while the cause of death of the younger woman was still under investigation. "We strictly don't know why these people were killed," Maillaud said, adding that about 15 bullet casings were found around the car. He said authorities were searching for suspects and had not ruled out anything, including the possibilities that the attack was intended to settle a score or simply that the family was "in the wrong place at the wrong time." The two children were put under police protection, and the prosecutor warned that the killer might try to "get rid of" witnesses to a "scene of immense savagery."

Maillaud said the BMW station wagon was registered to a British man born in Baghdad in 1962. The man, whom he did not identify, had lived in Britain since at least 2002, and his family had been in France since August, camping at Annecy Lake since Monday.

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## FARC propose truce for peace talks

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

**HAVANA (AP)** — Colombia's main leftist rebel group proposed a cease-fire Thursday while it holds peace talks with the government beginning in Norway next month. It also named three negotiators, including a high-ranking guerrilla now imprisoned in the United States.

The rebels said first on their agenda will be a possible truce in the half-century of fighting that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

"We will propose a cease-fire the moment we sit down at the table," said Mauricio Jaramillo, a spokesman and top leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. "We are going to discuss it."

The FARC said the talks will begin Oct. 8 in Oslo.

Jaramillo told reporters in Havana that two of the negotiators will be Ivan Marquez, a participant in past peace talks and a member of the FARC's six-person ruling secretariat, and Jose Santrich, a second-tier

leader.

The rebels also said they want one of their negotiators to be Ricardo Palmera,

Asked whether the FARC is seeking Palmera's release or the rebels envision him participating by videocon-



Norway's ambassador to Cuba John Petter Opdahl, center, speaks to reporters before a press conference by members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, in Havana, Cuba, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012. Colombia's main leftist rebel group announced two of its negotiators on Thursday for October peace talks in Norway, and said it hopes a high-ranking guerrilla imprisoned in the United States also can take part.

(AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

alias "Simon Trinidad," a high-ranking FARC member and former peace negotiator who was extradited to the United States in 2005 and subsequently sentenced to 60 years on hostage-taking conspiracy charges.

ference, Andres Paris, another spokesman, responded that Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos would be learning of their request from Thursday's announcement and they would await a response from his government. □

## U.S. cargo ship captain detained in Venezuela

LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— The American captain of a U.S. cargo ship was detained at a port in Venezuela early Thursday after three assault rifles were found on board, the U.S. Embassy said.

An embassy official said the captain of the Ocean Atlas was being held for an alleged infraction "involving documentation for three rifles carried on board as part of the ship's anti-piracy security package."

Fourteen other American crew members were still on board the ship, said the official, who agreed to discuss the arrest on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the details. The official didn't give the captain's name or hometown. The 120-meter (396-foot) vessel docked in the western port of Maracaibo on Aug. 29. It is operated by Intermarine LLC. The Houston- and New Orleans-based company did not

respond to a call seeking comment. Venezuelan Interior Ministry officials couldn't be reached for comment.

President Hugo Chavez announced last month that Venezuelan authorities detained another U.S. citizen and were interrogating him because they suspected him of being a "mercenary." Chavez, a fierce critic of U.S. policies, said the man could be involved in a purported plot to destabilize the country if the opposition loses the Oct. 7 presidential vote. But the president did not provide any details regarding the man's suspected involvement in the alleged conspiracy. The socialist leader said the man was arrested Aug. 4, when he was crossing into Venezuela from Colombia on a bus in the middle of the night. Chavez said officials became suspicious when they found a U.S. passport with entrance and exit stamps from countries including Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya. □

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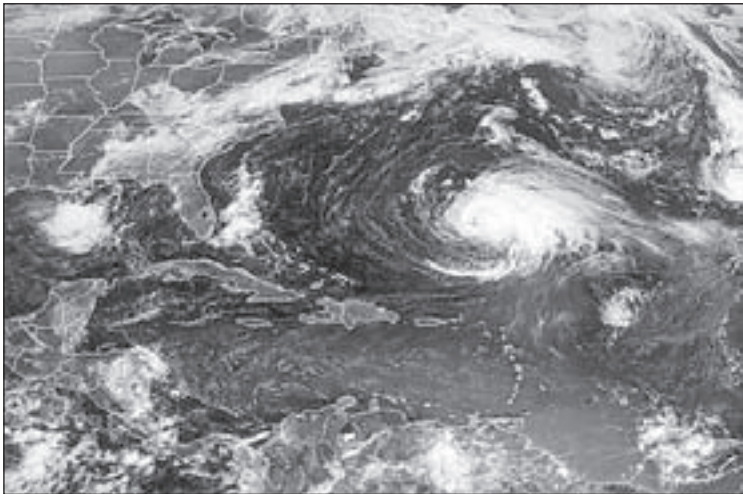
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# Bermuda braces for approaching Hurricane Leslie



This NOAA satellite image shows Hurricane Leslie southeast of Bermuda with a broad area of convection. On the far east edge of the image, Hurricane Michael continues to track toward the northwest as a Category 3 hurricane. The monsoonal trough continues to bring showers and thunderstorms to northern South America as well as portions of Panama and Costa Rica. In the Gulf of Mexico an area of low pressure has a medium chance of tropical development.

(AP PHOTO/WEATHER UNDERGROUND)

ELIZABETH ROBERTS

Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP)

— Tourists postponed holidays in Bermuda and locals stocked up on emergency supplies as a stalled Hurricane Leslie spun over the open Atlantic south of this wealthy British territory Thursday.

Hotel cancellations were reported across the terri-

tory, which is popular with tourists for its pink sand beaches and with businesspeople as an offshore financial haven.

Bermuda's Weather Service issued a storm watch late Thursday afternoon. The Category 1 storm was expected spin in place through the night about 430 miles (690 kilometers) south-southeast of the

storm-hardened British enclave. It had sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph). The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Leslie was expected to intensify Friday and begin to drift northward.

Its center was forecast to pass to the east of Bermuda on Sunday morning, possibly as a Category 2 hurricane with winds of nearly 105 mph (165 kph).

South shore beaches were

closed as the approaching storm whipped up surf and residents stocked up on food, propane, tarp, flashlights and water.

"It's great to see people are not waiting until the last minute. We only have three empty shopping carts left at the moment," said Henry Durham, the manager at Gorham's hardware store. Some people weren't very worried, because the territory enforces strict building

codes to withstand rough weather. Homes must be built with walls at least eight inches thick and be able to withstand 150 mph wind gusts. Many power and phone lines are underground.

British software developer Toby Crawford and thousands of other expatriate workers in Bermuda gradually got ready for the hurricane's pounding rains and driving winds. □



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# Celebs, goodies aplenty at 4th Annual Fashion's Night Out

**SAMANTHA CRITCHELL**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK/PARIS/LONDON(AP)**

Amateur fashionistas mingled with models and celebrities on Thursday as they broke out their stilettos — and their wallets — for the fourth annual Fashion's Night Out. The celebrity-studded night was designed to lure shoppers into stores for celebrity spotting, music, giveaways, food and drinks, and, of course, shopping. By early evening in New York, the basement beauty floor of Bergdorf Goodman was packed.

Madeleine Russell of Manhattan, wearing her FNO shirt from last year, got her nails done ahead of a long line. She's been attending FNO events every year since 2008.

"I'm inspired by all the fashion around me and I get my own ideas."

Like the FNO pro she is, Russell planned to head home from Bergdorf to put on makeup and her Manolo Blahniks to see Cyndi Lauper at the Blahnik store later in the evening.

The event — launched in 2009 in New York by Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour — has proven so popular that it's now a fixture in

some 19 countries, over three weeks involving tens of thousands of shoppers.

In New York, Kim Kardashian was signing \$123 gift sets of her perfume True Reflection at Lord & Taylor, while Nicole Richie and Jennifer Hudson promoted their new clothing lines at QVC and Lauper promoted her new musical, "Kinky Boots." By dusk in Paris, the luxury shopping district was awash with thousands of people — both the serious shoppers and those who just wanted to enjoy themselves.

"There are too many people here to buy clothes. But people get to know the brands, and buy another time. Today, it's all about fun," said Corine Marneffe, 50.

Chloe produced one of the best spectacles in Paris: A parade of dancing cheerleaders who descended in camp style from a Chevrolet truck. In London, models Yasmin and Amber Le Bon (wife and daughter of Simon) were walking in a fashion show at the Westfield shopping center along with Lizzy Jagger (daughter of Mick). Does all the star-power and hoopla help at the register? "Ask me tomorrow," Max Azria said



**SoHo on Fashion's Night Out in New York, Sept. 6, 2012. In New York, more than 700 stores stayed open late for Fashion's Night Out.**

(Casey Kelbaugh/The New York Times)

with a laugh backstage before his BCBG presentation at New York Fashion Week. He said it can't hurt to meet shoppers.

In Paris, Fashion's Night Out is also an opportunity for young fashion designers to showcase their work. Rising star Anthony Vaccarello — now a staple fixture of the Paris fashion-week calendar — moved into trendy boutique Colette for the evening to show off his new

work. It included an exquisite one-shoulder white satin gown.

"Here in Paris it's about window shopping, looking, celebrating fashion. In New York, the emphasis is on purchasing. It's just two different styles of the same evening," said Vaccarello. Stores across the U.S. are also holding events, though they're less star-studded. In Chicago, Saks Fifth Avenue will offer free cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and music; in Atlanta, Lenox Square Mall is giving out gift bags, will hold a fashion show at Banana Republic and offer makeup touch ups at Aveda. In Dallas, fashion shows were planned at Galleria Dallas and NorthPark Center, where the Neiman Marcus will show "The September Issue," provide snacks and a contest for a \$2,500 gift card.

The event, timed for the first day of New York Fashion Week, also coincides with the final night of the Democratic National Convention. A Vogue spokeswoman said the event was planned a year in advance with thousands of retailers. She added that Wintour is a supporter of President Barack Obama and noted that shoppers had five hours of events — plenty of time to get home to watch Obama speak if they wish. "That's what Tivo's for," said

Simon Doonan, the creative ambassador-at-large at Barneys.

NBG Productions analyst Brian Sozzi said Fashion's Night Out started inconspicuously but has gained traction over the years.

"It gets customers into stores in a non-peak hour after work and it gets them energized," he said. "It's a win-win for retailers who are piggy backing on Fashion's Night Out's own marketing so it's not a big investment for them."

On Twitter, Fashion's Night Out's hashtag, (hash)FNO, was one of the top trending keywords. Laura Ashley tweeted about goodie bags while designer shoe label Christian Louboutin shared a special Fashion's Night Out Spotify playlist.

Kelly Talamas, director of Vogue Mexico & Latin America, said that last year's Fashion's Night Out boosted local sales. For its second year, Fashion's Night Out Mexico more than doubled the number of participating stores, to 250 from 100 in 2011. FNO Mexico will also expand to the Mexican city of Guadalajara, where activities will be held Sept. 13.

"Mexico is one of the strongest countries in the fashion scene, there is knowledge about fashion and interest in shopping," Talamas told the AP. □



**Parisians walk past fashion shops in the streets of Paris, Thursday Sept. 6 2012, during Fashion's Night Out where fashion shops open their doors at night to encourage consumers to support the fashion industry.**

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# La Bodega Hosts a Night of South African Wine & Food Pairings



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a twist on the traditional South African Boer Chicken Pie, serving Chicken Mousse with fresh herbs as an Amuse Bouche. A creamy and spicy Pumpkin Soup was served with a Two Oceans Sauvignon Blanc, which surprised the visitors with its feast of tropical fruit notes, especially gooseberry, fig and mango. The first course, King Prawns with Yellow Rice, was matched with a creamy and fresh Two Oceans Chardonnay that offered subtle notes of

lime, citrus and apricot; a perfect match to the seafood starter. For the main course, a traditional South African Bobotie, consisting of spiced minced meat with peach and raisins, potato gratin, fresh vegetables and gravy, was



served alongside a Rust en Vrede Merlot. The Merlot's ripe plum aromas and notes of dried fruit, combined with a subtle dark

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As our Caribbean Queen for the month of September, Daphne represents a true multi-cultural blend, tracing her roots to European and Caribbean origins. Born in the Netherlands of Aruban parents with family ties in St Martin, Curacao and the Dominican Republic, she feels very comfortable with- and easily adapts to new cultures, languages & traditions. Daphne identifies her grandmother as one of her greatest inspirations and attributes her creative driving force to her "Yeya."

I grew up, Daphne explains, witnessing grandma's determination and conviction, that there wasn't a thing she

couldn't achieve if she put her mind to it! That knowledge that she could do practically anything, jump-started Daphne's love-affair with crafting. It comes as no surprise that her inventiveness also forms part of her professional career, and as Creative Director at CaribMedia/VisitAruba.com, Daphne oversees the artistic aspect of internet marketing, social media and website design. A loving wife to Mark and the mother of two beautifully sun-kissed treasures, her private life keeps her busy off and on the job, with little time to spare. Nonetheless she still searches for artistic outlets, expressing her creativity, as an avid Scrap booker, among other original hobbies. Her latest passion, beading and jewelry making, was sparked by her daughter, little Diva, Cristina. Motivated to make original pieces of jewelry for Cristina, Daphne embarked on a journey of beads, strings, leather cords and more .... next thing you know, Ha-

nini Creations was born. The meaning of the word Hanini holds a very special place in Daphne's heart, as it means "Sweetheart" in Maltese, and was one of the first terms of endearment she heard from her husband Mark, a native of the Mediterranean island of Malta. Hanini also perfectly describes the love and personal attention which goes into each and every piece handcrafted and ultimately gifted to that very special person/sweetheart in your life.... and yes, that person could of course be you!



All pieces are made in Aruba of a variety of quality materials, crystal, china, bone, wood and metal which are woven, beaded, braided and stitches, often with tassels, and extra ornaments

hanging from the clasps. The Hanini Collection has a distinct Artisan feel, and no two pieces are alike. The collection will be on display and sale at Caribbean Queen during the Month of September. □

## Cowboy is looking for friends

We would like to introduce Cowboy to you; he is one of the donkeys that find a home at the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. Thirteen years ago we received a phone call about an injured donkey that had a metal can wrapped around his leg. This was at Vader Piet, the area where the windmills are located. We tried to find the donkey, but we could not locate him. As there were of-



ten donkeys at Vader Piet, we regularly went there to feed the animals. One Sunday we saw a group of people standing around a donkey and yes, it was the donkey with the metal can. The can proved to be an air filter and assisted by the onlookers we succeeded in sawing the filter from his leg. That job took three hours. The helpful onlookers hailed from Texas, so that is how Cowboy got his name. Because he had been walking around with the filter on his leg for more than three weeks, his leg was badly injured. However, with good care it healed and now there is only a small scar reminding us of his ordeal.

This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends with whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and

when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary.

The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until 3. Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

The volunteers of the sanctuary are hoping that somebody will adopt this friendly, lovely donkey.

Of course the donkey will keep on living at the sanctuary; you only need to pay AWG. 30,- per month for the donkey's keep. With this amount you help support the sanctuary as well as your own donkey. And you will receive a beautiful certificate and a super T-shirt and your name and photo will be posted on our website. So please call the sanctuary at 593-2933; you can also register via the website [www.aruban-donkey.org](http://www.aruban-donkey.org) or donate money on bank account number 40.03.025 at the Aruba Bank! Just do it! Would you like to follow the donkeys on Facebook: surf to Donkey Sanctuary Aruba please. □

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up perfectly against the hearty main course. Offering up a light and refreshing dessert, Chef Jerroen prepared seasonal fruit with sweetened sour cream, which was paired with a Merryvale Antigua Late Harvest. The golden colored des-

sert wine impressed the discerning palates of the guests with its rich mouthfeel and complex combination of nuts and orange-peel aromas. Faustin, who is responsible for the Wine Portfolio and is the Account Team Leader at Romar Trading, reports that La Bodega wine store, located at Gutenberg-



straat 4, Oranjestad, sells a variety of wines from Australia, Argentina, Chile, Italy, France, Spain, New Zealand, Portugal, the U.S.A. and South Africa, which are

imported to the island by Romar Trading. Every last Friday of the month, La Bodega hosts a night of food and wine pairings, highlighting a specific region or

wine-making country. As you can see from the photos, the night of South African wine and food pairings was a resounding success. □

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## Fast-forward fashion:

# Spring catwalk shows begin

**SAMANTHA CRITCHELL**

**AP Fashion Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fashion insiders, ever ahead of their time, began looking to spring on Thursday as they previewed the outfits that will land in stores and in magazines for the season at New York Fashion Week. Max Azria of BCBG had the first marquee show, and seemed to offer an early indicator for trends, balancing soft, fluid fabrics with

The Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week tents at Lincoln Center serve as one hub, with a smaller but growing second "home" in Manhattan's Meatpacking district at Milk Studios. Still other designers, including Tommy Hilfiger, Donna Karan and Ralph Lauren, choose to have their shows in other locations, which keeps the crowd moving.

How about happiness? That's what Diane von Fur-

ideal venue for springtime clothes. "I'm always excited for my own shows, but also to see what the other designers are showing; there is a creative energy in the city this time of year that I love."

Von Furstenberg says Fashion Week goes beyond industry insiders now. "People like fashion," she says. "It used to be very trade-oriented, but it's not anymore. It's accessible to everyone because of the Internet, but fashion is glamorous, and it's about dreams and aspiration and desire."

### BCBG

There was high contrast on the catwalk Thursday at the BCBG Max Azria runway show, with leather harnesses sharing the stage — and sometimes the same outfit — with lingerie lace.

Fluid silhouettes were tempered by the tough texture of the leather, and soft, draped crepe fabrics were strong thanks to the graphic black-and-white roots of the palette.

Azria explained that he aimed to capture the allure of femme fatales and the sharpness of Helmut Newton's photography.

Dresses, the BCBG signature, were the most impactful pieces, especially a shirt-dress with patchwork lace that allowed just a peek of peony pink to come through the mostly white look, and the black double-weave dress with lace inserts that gave the illusion of many airy layers.

### CREATURES OF THE WIND

Swingy, bejeweled silhouettes from the '60s and shimmery, vintage snake-skin lame stood out at the show for two up-and-comer Chicagoans who call themselves Creatures of the Wind.

Focusing on the technical elements of old couture rather than a specific narrative, Shane Gabier and Chris Peters sent out bright greens, yellows and pinks in dresses, printed skinny trousers and skirts in jacquards, cottons and polyesters. □



The Creatures of Wind Spring 2013 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

tough material and graphic patterns. Azria said it was important to make a strong impression.

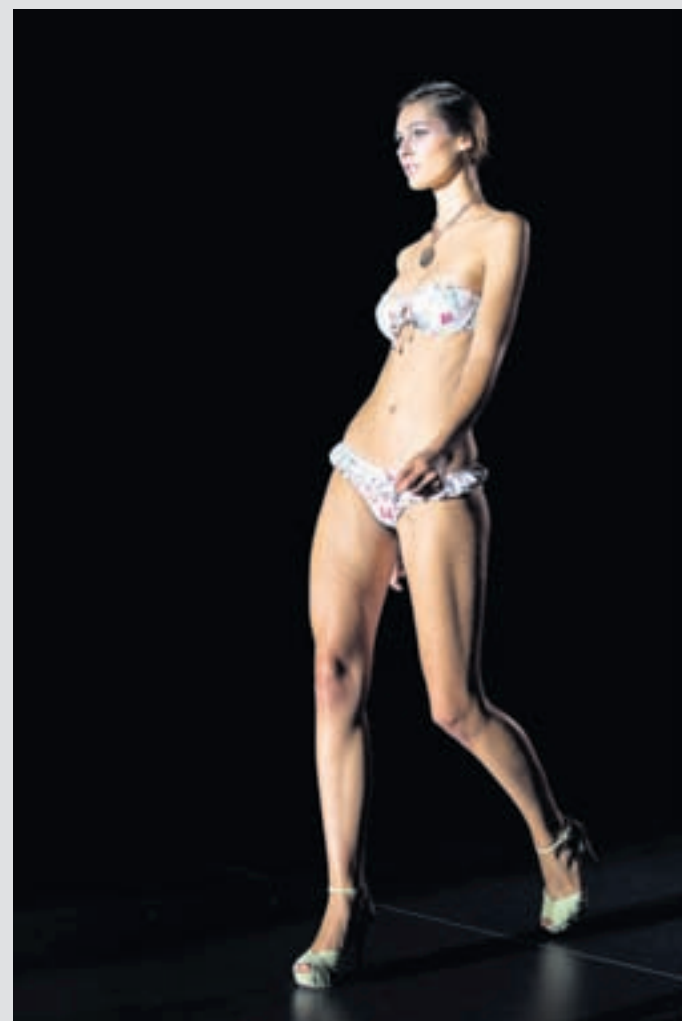
"It has to have substance as the first big show," he said in a backstage interview. "I don't want you to forget it."

More than 100 previews are on the calendar here for retailers, editors and stylists over the next eight days, before this crowd heads for London, Milan and Paris.

stenberg, president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America, expects to see a lot of. "I think we're all looking for some lightness and happiness, and I hope I am bringing that to my collection." She shows Sunday at the Lincoln Center tents. Hilfiger's show will be Sunday at the open-air High Line, an urban park built on an old freight line overlooking the Hudson River, which he describes as an



The BCBG MAX AZRIA Spring 2013 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)



A model displays an Spring/Summer design by Guillermina Baeza during the Madrid's Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, in Madrid, September, 2012. (AP Photo/Daniel Ochoa De Olza)



# Modell dies at 87; legacy depends on perspective

Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell fields questions about the team's move from the Cleveland area to Baltimore, during a news conference at the NFL meeting in Grapevine, Texas, in this Nov. 7, 1995 file photo. The Baltimore Ravens said Modell died early Thursday Sept. 6, 2012 at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he had been admitted Wednesday. A cause of death was not given.

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## SPORTS Aruba TODAY



Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia prepares to return a shot to Spain's David Ferrer in the quarterfinals during the 2012 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, in New York.

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### Ferrer beats Tipsarevic in 5 sets at U.S. Open

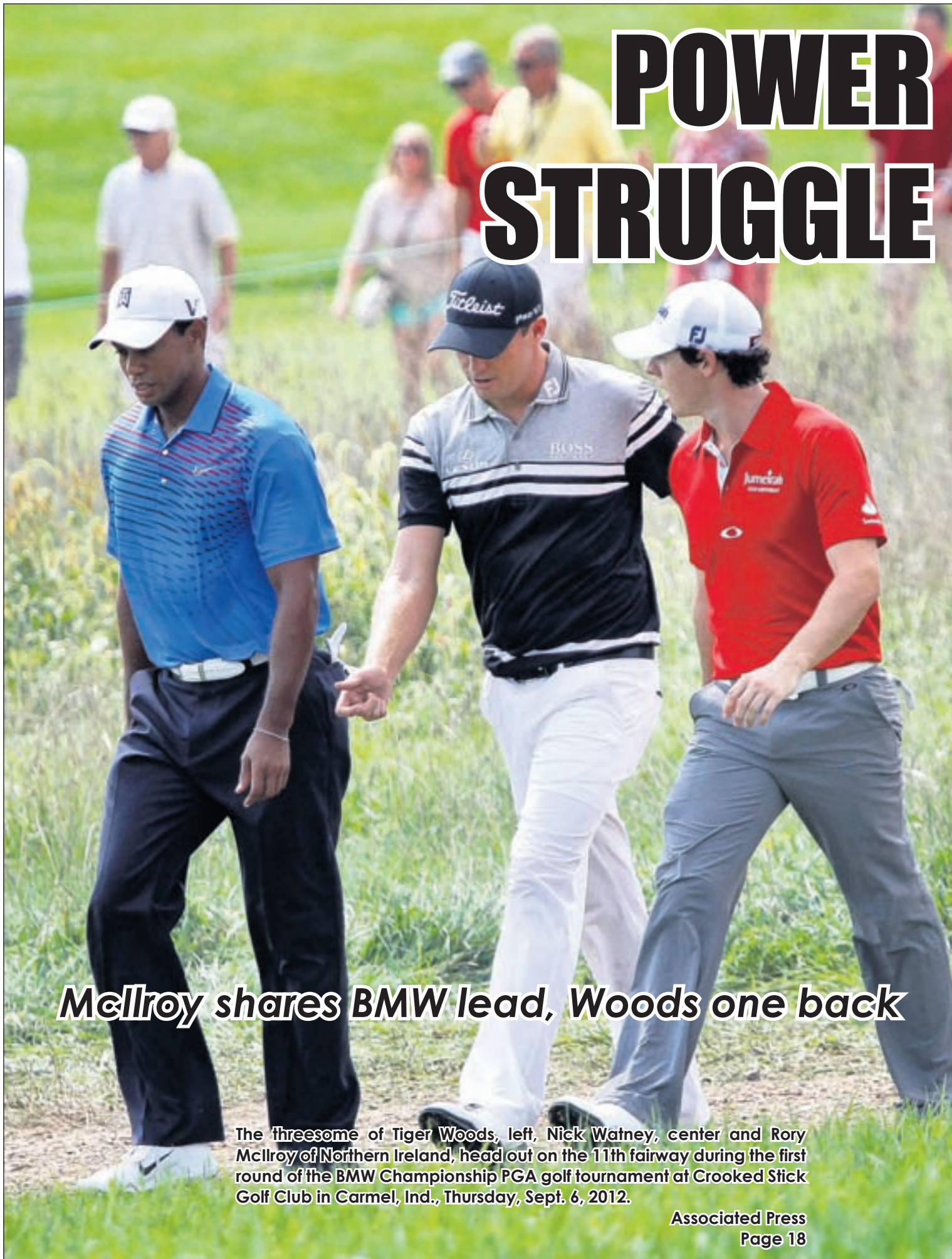
HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fourth-seeded David Ferrer outlasted eighth-seeded Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia 6-3, 6-7 (5), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4) in 4 hours, 31 minutes Thursday to reach the U.S. Open semifinals for the second time. Ferrer trailed 4-1 in the last set, but in the next game, Tipsarevic slammed to the ground while chasing a drop shot and stayed down for a few moments. Tipsarevic later had his right thigh taped up.

Ferrer, also a semifinalist at Flushing Meadows in 2007, has won four consecutive five-setters and is 17-9 overall. When the match ended on Tipsarevic's backhand into the net, Ferrer raised his arms, then knelt near the baseline. The weary foes met at the net for a hug.

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## POWER STRUGGLE



### Mclroy shares BMW lead, Woods one back

The threesome of Tiger Woods, left, Nick Watney, center and Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, head out on the 11th fairway during the first round of the BMW Championship PGA golf tournament at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012.

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# Former Ravens owner Art Modell dies at 87

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Art Modell, one of the most influential figures in the NFL in four decades as a team owner, died early Thursday at the age of 87.

The Baltimore Ravens said Modell died of natural causes at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he had been admitted Wednesday.

Modell was among the most important personalities in the NFL as owner of the Cleveland Browns, which became the Ravens after he took the team to Baltimore in 1996 in a move that tarnished his reputation as one of the league's most innovative and influential owners.

The Ravens won their only Super Bowl in January 2001, less than a year after Modell sold a minority interest of the team to Steve Bisciotti. In April 2004, Bisciotti completed purchase of the franchise but left Modell a 1 percent share.

During his more than 40 years as an NFL owner, Modell helped negotiate the league's lucrative contracts with television networks, served as presi-



**This Sept. 9, 2001 file photo shows Baltimore Ravens owner Art Modell acknowledging the fans while holding the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl trophy prior to the Super Bowl game against the Chicago Bears, in Baltimore.**

**Associated Press**

dent of the NFL from 1967 to 1969, and chaired the negotiations for the first the collective bargaining agreement with the players in 1968.

He also was the driving force behind the 1970 contract between the NFL and ABC to televise games on Monday night.

At one time one of Cleveland's biggest civic leaders, Modell became a pariah in Ohio after he moved

the team.

"I have a great legacy, tarnished somewhat by the move," he said in 1999. "The politicians and the bureaucrats saw fit to cover their own rear ends by blaming it on me."

The move was also believed to be the main reason why Modell never made it into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was one of 15 finalists in 2001 and a semifinalist seven

times between 2004 and 2011.

"I believe Art belongs in the Hall of Fame," former New York Giants owner Wellington Mara, now deceased, said in 2002. "I don't think I know a person who has done more for the league than Modell, especially through television."

Modell's Browns were among the best teams of the 1960s, led during his first few years as owner by legendary running back Jim Brown. Cleveland won the NFL championship in 1964 — Modell's only title with the Browns — and played in the title game in 1965, 1968 and 1969.

Modell said he lost millions of dollars operating the Browns in Cleveland and cited the state of Maryland's financial package, including construction of a \$200 million stadium, as his reasons for going to Baltimore. The Ravens replaced the Baltimore Colts, who moved to Indianapolis in 1984.

"This has been a very, very tough road for my family and me," Modell said at

the time of the move. "I leave my heart and part of my soul in Cleveland. But frankly, it came down to a simple proposition: I had no choice."

Ironically, the cost of the move to Baltimore left him financially strapped and left him no choice but to put in motion the chain of events that enabled Bisciotti to assume majority ownership of the franchise. Bisciotti has since poured millions into the team, financing construction of a lavish practice facility in Owings Mills, Maryland. As a tribute to Modell, Bisciotti insisted that a huge oil painting of Modell be hung above the fireplace at the entrance to the complex. Born June 23, 1925, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Modell dropped out of high school at age 15 and worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard cleaning out the hulls of ships to help out his financially strapped family after the death of his father.

He completed high school in night class, joined the Air Force in 1943, and then enrolled in a television school after World War II. □

## Miller, Nelson, Phil Knight among hoops Hall inductees



**Nike founder Phil Knight sits during a news conference at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012. Knight will be inducted into the Hall on Friday.**

**Associated Press**

**JIMMY GOLEN**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts (AP)** — Reggie Miller is joining his sister, Cheryl, in the basketball Hall of Fame.

The former Indiana Pacers

star will be inducted into the basketball shrine on Friday along with Don Nelson, the winningest coach in NBA history, and Nike co-founder Phil Knight. Ralph Sampson, the only three-time college player of the year, and Jamaal Wilkes, who won two NCAA titles at and four in the NBA, will be inducted.

Also to be honored are former Soviet coach Lidia Alexeeva; seven-time NBA All-Star Chet Walker; the All American Redheads, known as the female Harlem Globetrotters; two-time Olympic gold medalist Katrina McClain; Don Barksdale, the first black player on the U.S. Olympic team and in the NBA All-Star game; two-time NBA MVP Mel Daniels, and longtime NCAA referee Hank Nichols. □

## Bennati wins Vuelta 18th stage



**Radioshack-Nissan team rider Daniele Bennati, from Italy, celebrates after winning the eighteenth stage of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race, between Aguilar de Campo and Valladolid, 123.3 miles, northern Spain, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

**VALLADOLID, Spain (AP)** — Daniele Bennati of Italy won the 18th stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Thursday as overall leader Alberto Contador moved closer to winning the race for a second time.

Bennati edged Ben Swift of Britain by a tire after more than four hours on the 127-mile leg from Aguilar de Campoo to Valladolid.

Allan Davis of Australia was third as the top nine riders finished the quick leg in the same time — 4 hours, 17 minutes, 17 seconds — with 10th-place Gregory Rast of Switzerland six seconds behind.

Bennati's stage win was his seventh ever in the Vuelta. Contador finished 10 seconds behind Bennati but in the same time as his closest challengers to maintain a 1:52 lead over Alejandro Valverde and 2:28 on Joaquin Rodriguez in third place.

"I just tried to stay attentive, to avoid any crashes and watch the direction of the wind as my team covered me very well to make it a day without worry,"

said Contador, who picked up his first stage win on Wednesday since returning from a doping ban.

"One day less, every day that goes by is very important because just about anything can happen on any day at this Vuelta," the two-time Tour de France champion said, admitting his legs were feeling the strain from his first major race since the 2011 Tour.

Contador's dramatic victory a day earlier stunned Rodriguez, whose inability to respond to his fellow Spaniard's attack cost him the overall lead he had held since the fourth leg of the 21-stage race. Contador leads with an overall time of 72:25:21.

"Sure, when I saw Alberto in today's race I flashed back and thought more about yesterday's leg than today's," Rodriguez said. □



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## BMW Championship

# Rory McIlroy in tie for lead; Woods 1 behind

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**CARMEL, Indiana (AP)** — Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy seem to be spending a lot of time together lately. That includes the top of a busy leaderboard at the BMW Championship.

The biggest star in golf and his heir apparent put on a dazzling show Thursday at Crooked Stick, where the gallery caught a glimpse of the best players in the world for the first time since the 1991 PGA Championship.

McIlroy, flawless with his irons, birdied his last two holes for an 8-under 64 and was part of a four-way tie for the lead with Indiana native Bo Van Pelt, U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson and Graham DeLaet, the Canadian who is

quietly becoming the Cinderella of these FedEx Cup playoffs.

"He hits it great, putts it great and top of that, he's just a really nice kid," Woods said in some of his strongest praise ever for another player. "The game of golf is in great hands with him, and he's here to stay." Woods, who finished two shots behind Monday in Boston, isn't going away quietly. He was only sharp when it came to scoring, making enough birdies to stay in the game, including a 30-foot chip-in on his last hole for a 65.

McIlroy had every reason to be a little flat because of the short turnaround from the Monday finish. But that wasn't the case at the BMW Championship, not with fans lined three-deep

down the entire 10th hole to see him and Woods in the same group for the second time in three weeks.

"It definitely gives you a little more of a lift, especially coming off a win and maybe being a little flat," McIlroy said.

"You're focused from the get-go, and you want to go out and shoot a good number, and I was able to do that today."

They made it look easy, and Crooked Stick was every bit of that on a broiling afternoon north of Indianapolis. Because of heavy rains earlier in the week — so fierce on Wednesday that the course was briefly evacuated — players were able to lift, clean and place their golf balls in the short grass before firing at the flags. □



**Bo Van Pelt, left, listens to caddie Mark Chaney on the 10th hole during the first round of the BMW Championship PGA golf tournament at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

# Jiyai Shin's 62 paces field at soggy Kingsmill

**The Associated Press**

**WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP)**

-- Jiyai Shin was in the middle of a solid round when a rain delay halted play at the LPGA Tour's Kingsmill Championship for 2 hours. Facing a tough chip shot when she returned to the course, Shin spent the break worrying about how to handle it.

When she got the chance, she showed that she shouldn't have worried at all.

"I left with a tough chip shot, like 20 yards to the hole," Shin said after shooting a tournament-record 9-under 62 in Thursday's first round.

"I'm really worried. ... How can I practice? In my mind, it was really hard. When I went back to there, I

chipped it in."

The LPGA Tour initially said it would not count the round as a tournament record because the players were allowed to lift, clean and place their ball because of already soggy conditions. But when tournament director Wayne Nooe said he would count it, the LPGA agreed.

With 33 players still on the course when play was halted by darkness, the 24-year-old Shin, from South Korea, was two shots ahead of the field. Her round matched the lowest on tour this season, and eclipsed the previous mark of 63, shared by seven players.

Shin had nine birdies in her bogey-free, career-best round.

Ranked as the No. 1 player



**Jiyai Shin, of South Korea, acknowledges the gallery after a par putt on the 18th green during the first round of the Kingsmill Championship LPGA Tour golf tournament in Williamsburg, Va., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012.**

**Associated Press**

in the world for 16 weeks in 2010, Shin is chasing her first LPGA Tour victory in more than two years.

She won the Women's British Open in 2008 before it was a major, and is 13th on the money list with a third and two ties for third her best finishes. She missed two months for wrist surgery and recuperation.

"Finally I can say golf course is not too hard," said Shin, who is breaking in a new caddie this week. "My plan was no bogey. The rain helped make the greens softer, so I hit more aggressive on the back nine, too."

Dewi Claire Schreefel of The Netherlands could get to 62, too, or lower. She used an eagle on the par-5 7th hole (her 16th) to reach 7 under before play was suspended for the day at 7:26 p.m. Paula Creamer, Sweden's Maria Hjorth

and Spaniards Azahara Munoz and Beatriz Recari are at 6-under 65. Four others, including local favorite Christina Kim, finished at 66. The tournament marks the return of the LPGA Tour to Kingsmill's River Course after a two-year absence. Including those yet to complete the first round, 75 were under par Thursday. Not among them was Cristie Kerr, the only two-time winner on the Pete Dye layout. Kerr hasn't won since 2010 and arrived hoping being back alongside the James River would help her generate some momentum.

Instead, she finished with a 1-over 72.

Michelle Wie, with just one top 10 finish this year, shot a 4-over 75. □



## AL Capsules

# Yankees back on top after 6-4 win over Rays

**The Associated Press**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)** — Russell Martin homered and drove in three runs, and the New York Yankees regained sole possession of first place in the AL East with a 6-4 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday night.

Second baseman Eliot Johnson's errant throw to home plate that led to two runs in the seventh inning helped the Yankees win for the fifth time in 15 games. New York sat atop the division standings by itself for 84 consecutive days — its longest streak since 2004 — until Tuesday night's loss to Tampa Bay dropped the Yankees into a tie with Baltimore. They moved back into first place when the Orioles lost to Toronto.

New York, which held a team meeting before the game, leads the third-place Rays by 2½ games.

With the score tied at 4, Andruw Jones and Steve Pearce singled to start the seventh off Matt Moore (10-9) before Jayson Nix moved the runners up with a bunt. Derek Jeter, who

had hits in his previous three at-bats, hit a grounder to Johnson. With the infield playing in, his throw was off the mark, allowing the Yankees to take a 6-4 lead.

Luke Scott homered off winner Hirko Kuroda (13-10). Rafael Soriano pitched the ninth for his 36th save. Tampa Bay had won four in a row.

**BLUE JAYS 6, ORIOLES 4**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Blue Jays rookie Adeiny Hechavarria drove in the go-ahead run with a bunt single, Rajai Davis homered and had three RBIs and Toronto beat Baltimore to avoid a three-game sweep.

Steve Delabar (4-1) worked one inning of relief for the win as the Blue Jays snapped a four-game slide and ended Baltimore's winning streak at three.

Adam Jones hit a solo home run and Mark Reynolds added a two-run drive off Casey Janssen in the ninth, his sixth in six games and 18th of the season, but it wasn't enough for Baltimore.

The Orioles return home Thursday for a pivotal seven-game homestand that



**New York Yankees' Russell Martin, right, high-fives third base coach Rob Thomson after hitting a sixth-inning home run off Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Matt Moore during a baseball game, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in St. Petersburg, Fla.**

**Associated Press**

begins with four against the Yankees, followed by three

against Tampa Bay. Miguel Gonzalez (6-4) gave

up five runs, four earned, and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

**RANGERS 7, ROYALS 6**

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)**

— Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer, Michael Young also went deep and Texas held on to beat Kansas City.

Ryan Dempster (5-1) gave up RBI doubles to Billy Butler in the first inning and Salvador Perez in the sixth, but was otherwise stingy for the AL West-leading Rangers. He only allowed two other hits in six innings, striking out eight to win his fourth straight game.

Beltre's homer came off Everett Teaford (1-4), who was making his fifth start of the year. Young's solo shot came off Vin Mazzaro during a three-run seventh.

The runs proved handy when Kansas City mounted a late comeback.

Alcides Escobar's RBI single off Joe Nathan put the potential tying run on first with two outs in the ninth, but Alex Gordon flied out to end the game. It was Nathan's 27th consecutive save and 28th in 29 chances this season. □

## National League Capsules

# Phillies' power backs Halladay in win over Reds

**The Associated Press**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Erik Kratz hit a three-run home run, Chase Utley added a two-run shot, and Roy Halladay stayed perfect when given a big lead as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-2 on Wednesday.

Halladay, 4-1 in his last six starts, is 110-0 when he is staked to a lead of at least four runs. Halladay (9-7) scattered eight hits over 7 1-3 innings, allowing one run with five strikeouts and one walk. Philadelphia won two of three in the series against the NL Central leaders.

All-Star first baseman Joey

Votto returned to the Reds lineup for the first time since July 15 and lined the third pitch he saw in 52 days to left field for a single with two outs in the first inning. The Reds went 32-16 while Votto was out due with a knee injury.

Jay Bruce homered for the fourth consecutive game, but it wasn't enough to rally the Reds. Cincinnati lost a series for just the third time in 16 matchups since the All-Star break (11-3-2).

Reds starter Mike Leake was roughed up again by the Phillies. Leake (7-9) gave up six runs in just 2 1-3 innings.

**METS 6, CARDINALS 2. □**



**Philadelphia Phillies' Erik Kratz (31) is congratulated by John Mayberry Jr. after hitting a three-run home run in the second inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, in Cincinnati.**

**Associated Press**



## U.S. Open

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"I don't have words," said Ferrer, who reached the semifinals at the French Open in June. "It was a very emotional match." Might have been the best of these two weeks so far, filled with twists and turns and plenty of theater. Ferrer next will play defending champion Novak Djokovic or 2009 champion Juan Martin del Potro for a spot in Sunday's final. Djokovic and del Potro were scheduled to play the last men's quarterfinal Thursday night. Olympic champion Andy Murray and 2010 Wimbledon runner-up Tomas Berdych — who eliminated 17-time major champion Roger Federer in four sets — earned their semifinal berths Wednesday. Ferrer is the only man left who has never reached a Grand Slam final. He had various issues Thursday, including a dispute over a line call early in the fifth, and a bothersome toe on his right foot that a trainer worked on in the third — removing Ferrer's sneaker and sock and using a pair of nail clippers to help fix things. At another change-over, Ferrer gestured wildly while exhorting himself between bites of a banana. The 28-year-old Tipsarevic was playing in only his second quarterfinal in 35 career Grand Slam tournaments. He reached that round in New York a year

ago, too, but stopped playing because of a left leg injury while trailing his Davis Cup teammate and good pal Djokovic.

On Thursday, he hit one shot by thrusting his racket around his back and closed another point by doing the splits while flipping up a lob.

"It was a really, really tough match," Ferrer said. "Janko — he's an amazing player ... and he also deserves to win today."

Until now, Tipsarevic might have been best known not for his skills with a racket but rather for the large tattoos in Japanese lettering on his arms. The one on the left borrows a line from Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "The Idiot": "Beauty will save the world."

The tennis highlight for Tipsarevic to this point probably was joining Djokovic to help Serbia win the 2010 Davis Cup title.

After ending that season ranked 49th, Tipsarevic jumped into the top 10 in 2011. He entered Thursday's match only 4-22 against men ranked in the ATP's top five, but one of those previous victories came against Ferrer.

Not this time. Ferrer broke Tipsarevic to go ahead 5-3 in the fourth, then served it out at love. At the change-over before the final set, it was Tipsarevic's turn for treatment on both of his feet. Tipsarevic saved break points in the fifth set's opening game, then went ahead 2-0 by breaking Ferrer with a volley win-

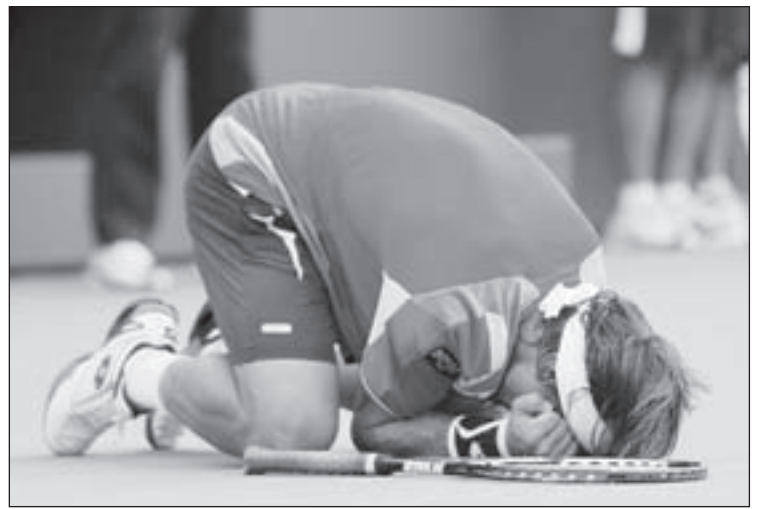
ner and eventually made it 4-1. On the last point of the sixth game, though, Tipsarevic's left foot gave out from under him as he tried to chase Ferrer's drop shot. Tipsarevic landed on his left hip with a frightening thud; up in the stands, his wife covered her mouth with her hands.

Ferrer walked up to the net to check on Tipsarevic, who gave him a thumb's up then limped to the sideline and gathered himself. In the very next game, Ferrer broke to close to 4-3. One hold of serve later, it was even.

Facing two break points at 4-4, 15-40 in the fifth set — if Ferrer converted one of those chances, he would have served for the victory — Tipsarevic asked for a medical timeout after grabbing his upper right leg in the middle of a point. So in the midst of that very crucial game, a trainer came out to assess Tipsarevic's injury, then taped up the thigh. Play resumed, and Ferrer lost four points in a row. Tipsarevic sprinted forward to hit a volley winner, erasing the first break point, then took care of the second with a service winner and wound up holding to lead 5-4.

When Ferrer's volley winner made it 5-all soon thereafter, he yelled "Vamos!" in Tipsarevic's direction.

Two games later, as the concluding tiebreaker was about to begin, fans in Arthur Ashe Stadium rose to salute both players with a standing ovation. □



David Ferrer of Spain reacts after defeating Janko Tipsarevic in five sets in the quarterfinals during the 2012 US Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, in New York.

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## Study:

## Ginkgo doesn't prevent Alzheimer's



**Ginkgo leaves, ground ginkgo leaf powder and ginkgo extract are very popular dietary supplements. However, according to the biggest and most recent prevention study in Europe, taking ginkgo didn't prevent Alzheimer's disease in older adults. (Photo)**

**MARIA CHENG**  
**AP Medical Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — Taking the popular dietary supplement ginkgo biloba didn't prevent Alzheimer's disease in older adults, according to the biggest prevention study in Europe. Research in animals had suggested that the plant extract might ward off the most common form of dementia, but previous stud-

ies in humans — including a large U.S. study published in 2008 — haven't found any evidence that it does.

In the latest research, French scientists studied the effects of ginkgo in more than 2,800 people over 70 with memory problems. About half got a daily 240-mg dose while the other half got dummy pills. Patients were given yearly cognitive tests and followed for up to five years, though only about 70 percent of them took the ginkgo biloba or placebo pills for several years.

In the ginkgo biloba group, 61 people were diagnosed with likely Alzheimer's disease versus 73 people in the placebo group. The difference was not statistically significant, meaning it could have occurred by chance.

The study was published Thursday in the journal *Lancet Neurology* and was paid for by Ipsen, a producer of ginkgo biloba supple-

ments.

The authors weren't sure why ginkgo didn't seem to work. "It may be that people need to take it for longer," said Dr. Bruno Vellas of University Hospital in Toulouse, France, the study's lead author.

Others said there was now enough proof that people should stop taking the extract. "The idea of popping a pill or food supplement to prevent Alzheimer's is just an exercise in hope at this point," said Dr. Lon Schneider, director of the California Alzheimer's Disease Center, who wrote an accompanying commentary. "If something doesn't do what you want it to do, why continue taking it?"

Schneider said people would be better off focusing on healthy habits that seem to lower the risk of Alzheimer's, like improving their diet, getting regular exercise and controlling any cardiovascular risk factors. □

## Agent Orange victims get Scientology 'detox'

**CHRIS BRUMMITT**  
**Associated Press**

**HANOI, Vietnam (AP)** — Vietnamese with ailments linked to Agent Orange are undergoing a "detoxification" treatment involving saunas and vitamins that was developed by the Church of Scientology and which has been criticized as pseudoscientific.

Scientologists use the "Hubbard Method" to try to cure drug addiction and alcoholism. The church set up a center in New York after the 9/11 attacks offering a similar service for first responders who may have been exposed to toxins.

A group of 24 people arrived for treatment at a military hospital in Hanoi for a month, free of charge, Dau Xuan Tuong, deputy administrator at the Vietnam Association of Agent Orange Victims, said Thursday.

He said 22 people underwent the treatment in 2011 in northern Thai Binh province.

"Their health has improved

after the treatment, and some saw their chronic illnesses disappear," he said. "We need to do more scientific research to determine its impact."

It was not possible to immediately get comment from the Scientology movement. The U.S. military dumped some 20 million gallons

(75 million liters) of Agent Orange and other herbicides on about a quarter of former South Vietnam between 1962 and 1971, decimating about 5 million acres (2 million hectares) of forest — roughly the size of Massachusetts — to remove the foliage that concealed enemy fighters. □



**Ho Thi Lang, 18, left, and Pham Thi Thuy Linh, 21, learn how to make artificial flowers at the supporting center for victims of Agent Orange in Danang, Vietnam. The children were born with physical and mental disabilities that the center's director said were caused by their parents' exposure to the chemical dioxin in the defoliant Agent Orange. Vietnamese with ailments linked to Agent Orange are undergoing a "detoxification" treatment involving saunas and vitamins that was developed by the Church of Scientology and which has been criticized as pseudoscientific.**

(AP Photo/Maika Elan)



**The crew from the online show "Smart Girls at the Party," including comedian Amy Poehler (third from left). The show highlights girls "who are changing the world by being themselves," and focuses on trying new activities, which can benefit the body and the brain.**

(Handout Photo)

## Get Your Hair Wet! Trying new activities benefits mind &amp; body

**Pam LeBlanc**  
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AUSTIN, Texas -- Call me an overgrown kid, but the idea of sitting on a towel while the little ones soar off the diving board perfecting cannonballs makes me a little sad. I'd rather be leaping right alongside them.

Just because you no longer eat Lucky Charms or use Mr. Bubble doesn't mean you only get to watch. Not only will it remind you what it's like to be 12 again, it'll help keep you fit.

While sipping coffee recently with Meredith Walker, producer of the online show "Smart Girls at the Party," we mourned the poor folks who quit bouncing on trampolines or rolling somersaults when they turned 30.

Not us.

Walker calls it the "Get Your Hair Wet" mentality. She's not about to lounge on the sidelines while everyone else hula dances, rock climbs or scuba dives.

It's a philosophy that shines through her work on "Smart Girls," hosted by her friend, comedian Amy Poehler. The show highlights girls "who are changing the world by being themselves." One recent episode featured a young Austin triathlete. Others have featured pint-sized yogis and budding musicians. (Check it out at [www.smartgirlsattheparty.com](http://www.smartgirlsattheparty.com)).

"Playing is the best way to keep the truest part of yourself alive," Walker says. "I go to Deep Eddy and see so many adults there who only go in waist deep. I say get your hair wet. Play! Frolic! You don't lose your turn -- it's always your turn. Playing is ageless."

That same mindset has permeated my life. I want to join in. I don't care if I look like a fool -- and I often do.

I know I'm extra lucky because it's part of my job to tackle new adventures. But even before I made a career out of fitness, I made it a point to challenge myself with new physical activities every year.

I learned to run a slalom course on water skis when I was 41. Since then, I've tried windsurfing, flying on a trapeze, paddling an outrigger canoe and surfing. I tried out for the Texas Rollergirls when I was 44, ran my first marathon when I was 45, started practicing yoga when I was 46 and swam 28 miles around Manhattan Island as part of a relay when I was 47.

This year, I entered my first trail running race, a 25-kilometer jaunt through Big Bend National Park. It didn't matter that I was so slow that half the field passed me. It only mattered that I had fun and got some exercise. □



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## Amazon unveils new, larger Kindle Fire models

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SANTA MONICA, California  
(AP) — Amazon unveiled

four new Kindle Fire tablet computers on Thursday, including ones with larger color screens, as the online retailer steps up competition with Apple ahead of the holiday shopping season.

Amazon.com Inc. showed off the larger Kindle Fire amid expectations that Apple Inc. will introduce a smaller iPad as early as next week.

The larger Fires will have screens that measure 8.9 inches diagonally, compared with 9.7 inches for the iPad. The original Fire had 7-inch screens. The basic version of the larger Fire will sell for \$299, or \$100 less than the cheapest iPad.

"It's very clear today that there are two names in the market for tablets. One is Amazon and one is Apple," said Carolina Milanesi, research vice president at Gartner.

Seven out of every 10 tablets sold in the second quarter were iPads, according to IHS iSuppli. Tablets using Google's Android operating system have not been able to carve out a significant stake. Amazon is trying to change that with the new Fires, which run a modified version of Android. Amazon has been selling lower-priced tablets at thin, if any, profit margins to boost sales of digital items from its online store. As a result, it



An Amazon Kindle Fire HD is seen on introduction in Santa Monica, Calif., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012. Associated Press

has been able to compete with the iPad on price.

The basic, 7-inch Fire model will cost \$159, down from \$199 for the original model, which sold out last month. Amazon says it's 40 percent faster, has twice the memory and a longer battery life than the old version. It will start shipping next Friday.

"I want one," BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis said about the \$159 Kindle Fire. "It's a great price, and it's certainly not something that's going to be making money for them initially. It's great for consumers. How great a business strategy (it is) for Amazon remains to be seen."

Amazon's bread-and-butter is not its Kindle gadgets but the movies, books and music that people consume through them. By contrast, Apple

sees content sales as a sideline and wants to make a healthy profit on every device sold. For example, the cheapest iPad costs \$399 and the most recent models start at \$499.

But Amazon signaled Thursday that it is going head-to-head with Apple when it unveiled its high-end Kindle Fire HD. It will have two Wi-Fi channels for faster transfers. That will be crucial for high-definition movies and other large files, CEO Jeff Bezos told reporters.

The HD model will also have more storage, starting at 16 gigabytes (the same as the iPad), compared with 8 GB for the old Fire. About 2 GB is taken by the Fire's operating system.

An 8.9-inch model will go for \$299 and start shipping Nov. 20. That means a device nearly as big as the

iPad will sell for at least \$100 less. A 7-inch HD model will sell for \$199, starting next Friday.

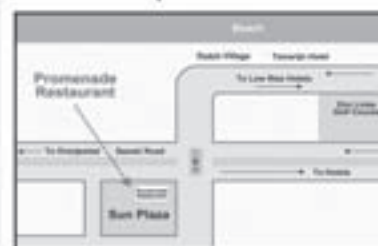
The Fire, however, won't have as extensive a selection of apps as the iPad. In addition, while the HD models will have a front-facing camera for video chats, the iPad has one on the rear as well for taking photos and video.

A premium Kindle Fire HD model, one with the ability to connect to the 4G cellular networks that phone companies are building, will cost \$499. It will come with 32 gigabytes of memory and an 8.9-inch screen. A data plan will cost \$50 a year. □

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# ECB's Draghi unveils aggressive plan to save euro

**DAVID McHUGH**

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)**

— The European Central Bank unveiled its most ambitious plan yet to ease Europe's financial crisis with a plan to buy unlimited amounts of government bonds to help lower borrowing costs for countries struggling to manage their debts.

Large-scale purchases of short-term government bonds would drive up their price and push down their interest rate, or yield, taking some pressure off of financially stressed governments such as Spain and Italy.

"We will have a fully effective backstop to avoid destructive scenarios," ECB President Mario Draghi said

at a press conference, in which he also defended the euro currency union as "irreversible."

After the ECB plan was announced, the yields on government bonds across Europe fell and stock markets rallied.

"This is a potential game-changer," says Jacob Kirkegaard, research fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "This is the first time the ECB has committed its balance sheet in this way. And the way it is done is politically sustainable in Europe."

The ECB's 23-member governing council approved the plan with only one dissent. The head of Germany's Bundesbank, Jens Wei-



President of European Central Bank Mario Draghi listens to questions during a news conference in Frankfurt, Germany, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, following a meeting of the ECB governing council on the European financial crisis.

(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

dmann, opposes the plan, arguing that the ECB is moving too far in the direction of financing government deficits, which is prohibited by the European Union treaty. The ECB's pledge of support came with an important caveat: Countries that want the central bank to help with their borrowing costs must first ask the 17 countries that use the euro to buy their

bonds with existing bailout funds and they must submit their economic policies to the scrutiny of the International Monetary Fund.

That puts immense pressure on financially stressed countries such as Spain and Italy — which have been reluctant to seek help from their euro partners — to take the next

step. Both countries face borrowing rates that are in the upper range of what's sustainable over the long-term.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy refused Thursday to make any commitment to trigger the ECB bond-buying. "When I have something new, I'll tell you," he told reporters at a press conference that was held after he met with German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti praised the plan as an "important step forward" but said any decisions on Italy's potential request for aid were "premature."

If Spain and Italy were to accept aid from the eurozone's bailout funds, it would put them in the same company as Greece, Ireland and Portugal — something the two countries have been wary of.

An earlier ECB effort to drive down rates by buying bonds was limited in size — the ECB spent €210 billion (\$264 billion) — and did not have lasting impact. The ECB ended that program Thursday. The ECB first said its new bond-buying plan was in the works on Aug. 2, and markets have climbed steadily since then. □

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## U.S. employment outlook improves

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The jobs outlook in the U.S. brightened a bit Thursday just before President Barack Obama was to make his case for re-election to the American people.

Fewer people applied for unemployment benefits last week, the government reported. And companies boosted hiring in August, according to a private survey. A far more consequential report politically — the government's unemployment and hiring figures for August — will come out Friday, just as the presidential race enters its stretch run. Jobs are the core issue in the race, and that report could sway

some undecided voters. There will be two additional employment reports before Election Day. But by then, more Americans will have made up their minds. "It's the most important economic data point we have between now and Election Day," said Tony Fratto, a White House spokesman under President George W. Bush. Friday's jobs data is unlikely to signal significant improvement in the still-sluggish economy. Economists' consensus forecast is that employers added 135,000 jobs last month, according to a survey by FactSet. That's below July's gain of 163,000. And it's probably

not enough to bring down the unemployment rate, which is forecast to remain at 8.3 percent.

That would let Republican nominee Mitt Romney point to 43 straight months in which unemployment has exceeded 8 percent. At the same time, Friday's report will almost surely mark a 30th straight month of private-sector job gains, a point Obama and his allies are certain to spotlight. "The president's supporters will say, 'See, it's improving,' and the supporters of Gov. Romney will say, 'See, it's not improving fast enough,'" said Robert Shapiro, an economist and former trade official under President Bill Clinton. □



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## Oil prices rise, then fall on ECB

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 AP Business Writer

Oil prices rose above \$97 per barrel on Thursday, but then gave up most of their gains in late trading.

The initial run-up in prices was driven by word that the European Central Bank will buy lots of government bonds, which should help lower borrowing costs for European countries struggling with debt expenses. Prices were also boosted by reports showing more private-sector hiring and fewer unemployment claims in the U.S.

Positive economic news tends to boost oil prices, because traders anticipate that stronger economies will need more oil.

Oil prices were also supported by a report from the Energy Information Administration that showed U.S. crude supplies dropped by more than analysts expected last week. Hurricane Isaac interrupted deliveries of oil imports and refinery activity along the Gulf Coast. Benchmark U.S. crude reached as high as \$97.71 per barrel on the New York Mercantile exchange. However, in late trading, enthusiasm cooled. Oil ended the day at \$95.53, up just 17 cents. The price of Brent crude, priced in London rose 40 cents to end at \$113.49.

Why the big price decline from intraday highs? The answer wasn't obvious, even to some analysts. □

## Ford unveils 15 fresh models for Euro market

**COLLEEN BARRY**  
 Associated Press

**MILAN (AP)** — Ford Motor Co. on Thursday unveiled 15 new or restyled vehicles for the European market that it will launch over five years to revive slumping sales.

While other carmakers are holding back on new car launches due to tanking European demand, Ford executives announced that the Detroit carmaker will accelerate new car launches in Europe, expanding its lineup of SUVs, restyling the hot-selling Fiesta, redesigning its commercial vehicles and bringing the iconic Mustang sports across the Atlantic.

Ford Europe CEO Stephen Odell said improvements in the "brutal" European market are not expected soon. Ford's first-half European sales dropped 10 percent to 517,094 units, a 7.8 percent market share for the fifth-largest carmaker in Europe.

Consumer demand for

cars in Europe has plummeted as the sovereign debt crisis has spread to the real economy, cutting economic production and forcing up unemploy-

ment in the same period a year earlier — raising concerns about factory overcapacity across the continent. But Odell said Ford wants "to demonstrate that de-

great opportunity in Europe."

Ford forecasts that car sales in Europe, including Russia, will increase by 20 percent in the next five years to 23 million vehicles.

Many of the new vehicles announced at a gathering of Ford dealers in Amsterdam, broadcast live on the Internet, are either restyled versions of existing vehicles or European launches of vehicles available in other world markets, as the car company accelerates its global model strategy devised six years ago to confront the economic crisis in North America.

Ford CEO Alan Mulally said the so-called "One Ford" strategy has helped the automaker post 12 straight quarters of profits.

"In 2017, our European showrooms will feature 15 truly global vehicles," Mulally said, bringing to 71 percent the share of global models in Europe, compared with 43 percent currently. □



**Britain's Stephen Odell, chairman and CEO Ford Europe, gestures as new Ford Mondeo models are seen during a presentation in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Thursday Sept. 6, 2012. Ford has unveiled 15 new or restyled vehicles for the European market that it will launch over five years to revive sales. Ford Europe CEO Stephen Odell said improvements in the "brutal" European market are not expected soon. Ford, he said, is increasing its investment in Europe to be ready when the market bounces back.**

(AP Photo/Peter Dejong)

ment in the region. Vehicle sales in the European Union dropped 6.8 percent in the first six months of the year to 6.64 million, from 7.1 million

spite the economic crisis, we are investing in the future. ... We want to make a statement loud and clear that we believe there is

## AIG to sell \$2B in AIA shares, repay US gov't

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Insurance giant American International Group Inc. said Thursday that it's selling part of its stake in Asian insurer AIA Group Ltd. and plans to pay off more of its loans from the U.S. government. AIG said that proceeds from the sale of up to \$2 billion of AIA shares to certain big investors will be used for general corporate purposes, including possible stock

buybacks. Meanwhile, the insurer's board also approved the repurchase of up to \$5 billion of shares of its common stock from the U.S. government.

AIG, which is based in New York, nearly collapsed in 2008. It received \$182 billion from the U.S. government — the biggest of the Wall Street bailout packages — after suffering massive losses from investments

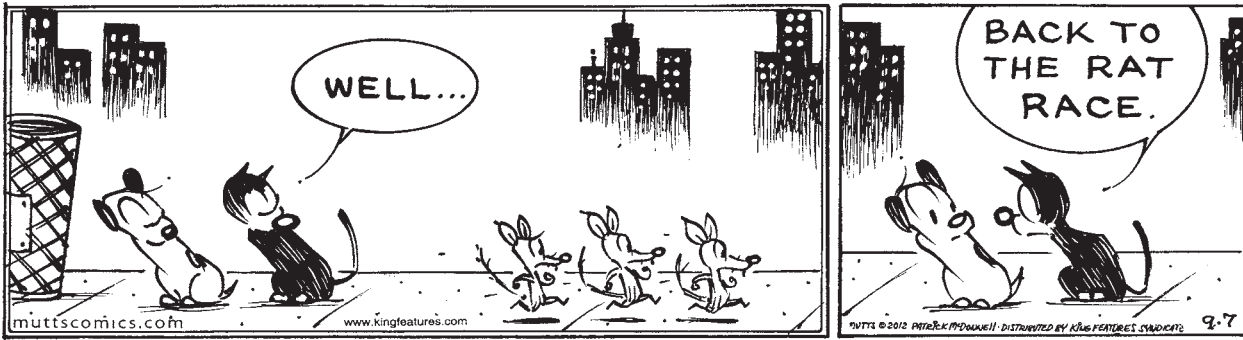
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initial public stock offering in Hong Kong raised \$20.5 billion, which AIG used to pay bailout debt. The New York insurer sold an additional \$6 billion in AIA shares this March. AIG shares fell 81 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$34 in premarket trading. The company's shares, which plunged during the financial crisis, have gained about 50 percent this year. □



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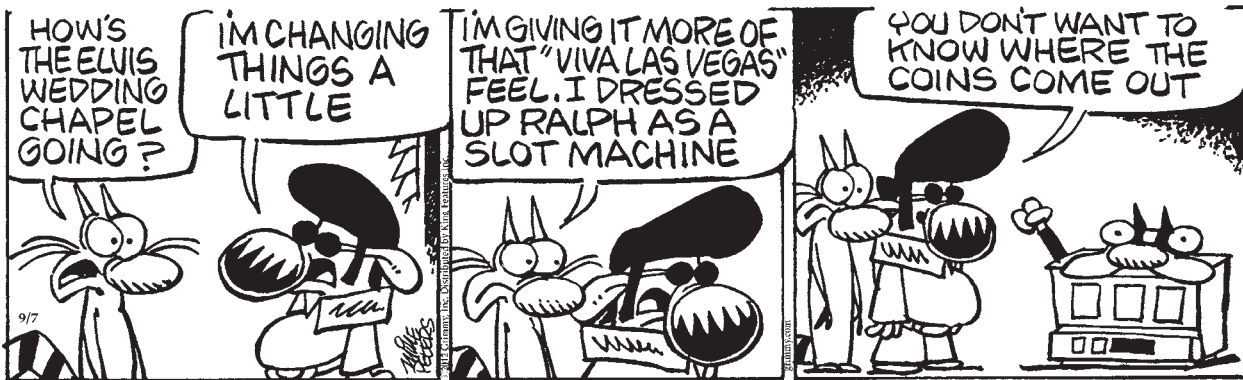
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## Zits



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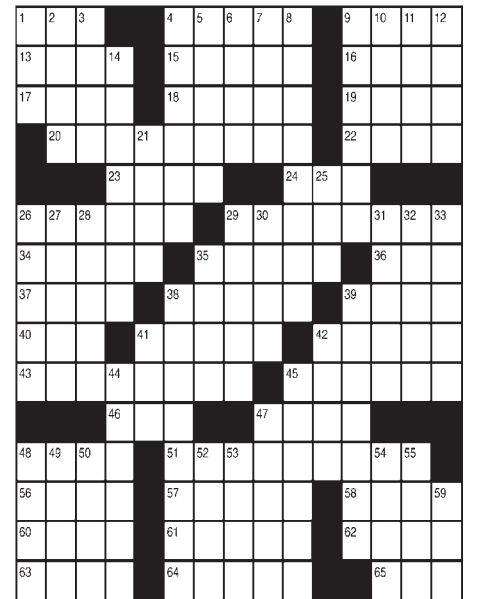
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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### ACROSS

- Deep hole
- Public uprisings
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- Resound
- Excessive
- Saint's headwear?
- Easy to reach
- Duplicate
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- A single time
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- Cut off
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- Dusk
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- Charitable donation
- Regretting
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- Actress Jamie Curtis
- Rosemary and thyme
- Supermarket row
- Charismatic aura
- Used foul language
- Australian bird that cannot fly
- Didn't float
- Very enthusiastic
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- Noise
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- Human trunk
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- John Kerry, for one: abbr.



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### Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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| 35 Hindu teacher     | 47 Perceive; feel   |
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|                      | 59 Felon, for short |



# Small theaters struggle as Hollywood goes digital

By GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

**CRETE, Neb. (AP)** — The Isis Theatre hasn't changed much since it opened 86 years ago in southeast Nebraska, a stone's throw from the grain elevator and railroad tracks that cut through town.

But in the past few years, the movie industry has changed dramatically, and unless the Isis' owner comes up with \$85,000 soon to pay for new digital equipment, residents of Crete, Neb., may have to drive 40 miles to Lincoln for a night at the movies.

It's a prospect that owner Thom Reeves doesn't want to ponder, but like thousands of small-theater operators across the country, he hasn't found a way out. "This is my passion, to give back to the community," Reeves said. "I love this movie theater. I love what it does for the students I have employed there. We love our patrons. It's such a positive experience going on, and we're just a little sad this conversion is hitting us. How do we survive?"

For small-theater owners, the problem is the sudden switch from 35 mm film, an industry standard since about 1910, to digital — a format that's cheaper for both studios and distributors, and doesn't scratch as traditional film will. The switch means theater owners must buy new projection equipment, computers and a sound system.

Film studio 20th Century Fox has said it will phase out 35 mm film altogether by the end of 2013, and other production companies are expected to follow suit. Traditional film is expected to vanish over the next few years, despite the upcoming U.S. release of "The Master," which was shot with the rare but much higher definition 70 mm film.

Big chains can afford the digital transition, which can be cheaper when buying in bulk for multiscreen theaters. But those who own smaller theaters with one or two screens typically must take out a bank loan to

pay for the equipment.

A film industry program can refund up to 80 percent of the cost to theater owners, but the payments are

60 percent of the nation's 5,750 theaters have switched to all-digital equipment, he said.

The switch to digital be-



In this photo from Sept. 4, 2012, Thom Reeves, owner of the Isis movie theatre, treads a roll of 35 mm film in the projection room in Crete, Neb.

Associated Press

made gradually through fees based on the number of movies shown. To qualify for the help, theaters must have certain profit levels and show a minimum number of films, leaving many small operators without help.

Some small, independent theaters created a cooperative, the Cinema Buying Group, to pool their resources and participate in the industry program, but the cooperative also required a review of each theater's financial strength and other factors. Many of the smallest theaters didn't qualify or were hesitant to join.

Patrick Corcoran, a spokesman for the National Association of Theatre Owners, said costs of converting to digital average around \$70,000 per screen. About

gan with the 1999 release of "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace," and accelerated with such computer animated films as Disney's "Chicken Little" and the 2009 Hollywood blockbuster, "Avatar," Corcoran said.

"In some markets, it's going to be a tough climb," he said. "But if you want to be in business as a first-run movie theater, you have to go digital."

Reeves, 46, who also is an insurance manager, said he only paid about \$100,000 for the entire Isis Theater and never intended to make money from the operation. A good month brings about a \$600 profit, he said, and most of that is spent on electrical fixes, carpet cleaning and other maintenance.

In Onarga, Ill., a city of 1,300

about 80 miles south of Chicago, Randy Lizzio is struggling to save his 75-year-old, single-screen Onarga Theater.

Lizzio launched a fundraising drive, including a dinner and auction with a local Mexican restaurant in a park, but after five months he has raised just \$8,500 of the \$65,000 he needs.

"The window is just about closed for us," Lizzio said. "... It's really tough for single-screen, little theaters, even though we're historic."

At the Ohio Theatre, a two-screen operation tucked into a row of picturesque downtown buildings in Madison, Ind., owner Tony Ratcliff also hasn't been able to raise the \$81,000 needed for a digital conversion.

Ratcliff said he's trying to raise \$25,000 for a down payment on a bank loan this fall, but he is behind his goal and now has little more than \$9,000. Unless he can install digital equipment by next year, the theater may have to close. Ratcliff and other theater owners are looking at other uses for the theater, such live events, or renting it out for community gatherings. Ratcliff said traditional, 35 mm film has become scarce, making it harder for his theater and others to get the films they need to stay in business. □

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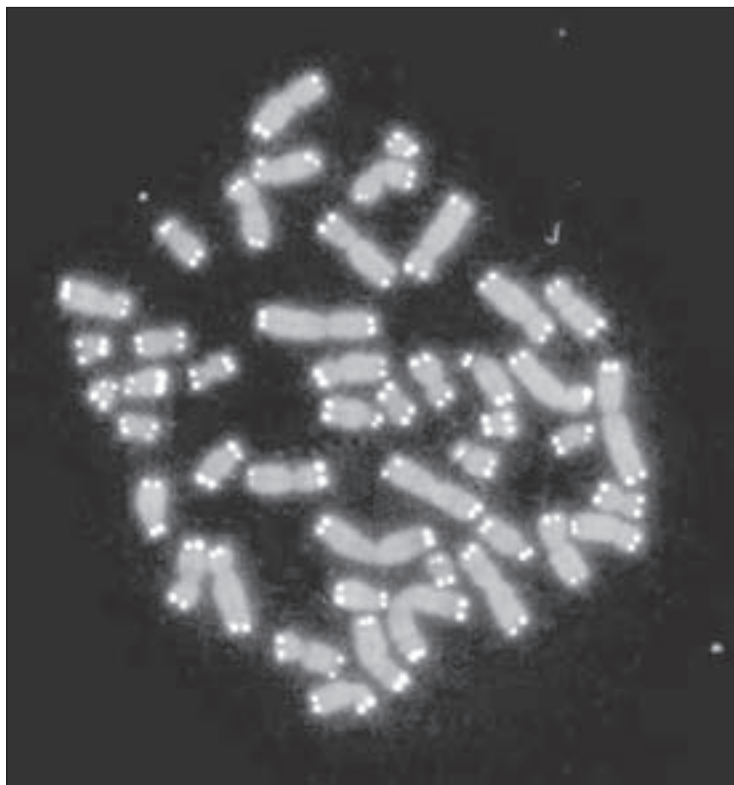
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**MALCOLM RITTER**  
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The work also shows that at least 80 percent of the hu-



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It's "our first global view of how the genome functions," sort of a Google Maps that allows both

Scientists found that at least three-quarters of the genome is involved in making RNA, a chemical cousin of DNA. Within genes, making RNA is a first step toward creating a protein, but that's not how it's used across most of the genome. Instead, it appears to help

Still, "it's worth reminding ourselves that we are very, very complex machines," Birney said. □

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## Amy Poehler, Will Arnett are separating



This Jan. 15, 2012 file photo shows actors Amy Poehler, left, and Will Arnett arriving at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles. Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amy Poehler and Will Arnett are splitting up. Publicist Lewis Kay says the couple is separating after nine years of marriage. The breakup was first reported by *Us Weekly*. Poehler and Arnett have two sons, 3-year-old Archie and 2-year-old Abel. Their personal lives may be in turmoil, but professionally, both are on an upswing. The 40-year-old Poehler became famous as a cast member on "Saturday Night Live." She now stars in the NBC sitcom "Parks and Recreation" and is up for an Emmy for lead actress in a comedy series. Arnett's breakout role was on Fox's "Arrested Development." The 42-year-old Arnett now co-stars with Christina Applegate on the NBC comedy "Up All Night." □



This April 23, 2012 file photo shows Tyra Banks arrives to the Matrix Awards in New York. Associated Press

## Tyra Banks to host 'Flawsome Ball' for NYC girls club

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tyra Banks will host a gala dubbed the "Flawsome Ball" to benefit a New York City girls club. The former model and talk-show host was to announce the event Thursday. Drake will perform at the

ball, which is to benefit the Tyra Banks Tzone at the Lower Eastside Girls Club. Banks formed Tzone in 1999 as a weeklong camp for girls, but the organization is now making a permanent, physical home at the New York girls club. □

## Bobbi Brown enlists Katie Holmes for ad campaign

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Bobbi Brown Cosmetics is enlisting actress Katie Holmes as its first celebrity spokeswoman.

Holmes, 33, will appear in spring 2013 print ads and displays. Bobbi Brown will also be the lead makeup artist at the Spring/Summer 2013 fashion show for Holmes' clothing line, Holmes & Yang.

Holmes, whose divorce from actor Tom Cruise became final Aug. 21, is also appearing on Broadway this fall in Theresa Rebeck's five-character "Dead Accounts" and also recently shot an adaptation of Chekhov's "The Seagull."

Bobbi Brown Cosmetics, created by makeup artist Bobbi Brown in 1991, offers makeup, skin-care products, perfume and accessories in 60 countries and is owned by Estee Lauder Cos. □



This Feb. 26, 2012 file photo shows Katie Holmes at the Vanity Fair Oscar party, in West Hollywood, Calif. Associated Press

## James Bond's Aston Martin in charity auction

**ROBERT BARR**  
Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — For sale: used sports car, one debonair but dangerous owner. An Aston Martin V12 DBS coupe which featured in the James Bond film "Quantum of Solace" is the top attraction at a charity auction marking the 50th anniversary of "Dr. No," the first 007 film, Christie's auctioneers said Thursday. The car, a black 2008 model, is expected to sell for at least 100,000 pounds (\$160,000) at an invitation-only auction on Oct. 5. Proceeds will benefit Barnardo's, a British children's charity. Nine other items, including sunglasses worn by Daniel Craig in "Quantum of Solace," will also be offered Oct. 5 in support of other charities. Christie's said 40 items will be offered through an online auction from Sept. 28



In this image made available by the auction house Christie's made available Thursday Sept. 6, 2012 the James Bond Aston Martin being chased by an Alfa Romeo in a scene from the James Bond film Quantum of Solace. Associated Press

to Oct. 8 to benefit UNICEF. Many of the items were donated by EON Productions, producer of the "official" Bond films, and there were also donations from Timothy Dalton, Aston Martin and the family of the late Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond. The Aston Martin DBS is one

of seven used in filming "Quantum of Solace." Aston Martin has been a favorite in the Bond films, first appearing in "Goldfinger" in 1964 and then in eight other films, according to Christie's. Other items in the Oct. 5 sale include special editions of all of the Bond

books by Ian Fleming, estimated to sell at least for 10,000 pounds; an Omega "Planet Ocean" watch worn by Craig in the yet to be released "Skyfall" (6,000 pounds); and the blue swimming trunks worn by Craig in "Casino Royale" (3,000 pounds). The online sale includes a silk wrap dress worn by Halle Berry in "Die Another Day" (2,000 pounds); a pre-production replica of a BMW Z28 roadster from "The World Is Not Enough" (25,000 pounds); a clapperboard and director's chair from "Golden Eye" (800 pounds); a model of the space shuttle from "Moonraker" (8,000 pounds); a belt with a gold bullet buckle worn by Christopher Lee in "The Man with the Golden Gun" (1,000 pounds); and a first edition of "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" autographed by Ian Fleming (4,000 pounds). □



## NBC's Brokaw leaves NC hospital, in 'great health'



This Jan. 12, 2012 file photo shows NBC News special correspondent and former "Today" show host Tom Brokaw attending the "Today" show 60th anniversary celebration at the Edison Ballroom in New York.

By FRAZIER MOORE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — NBC News special correspondent Tom Brokaw has been discharged from a Charlotte, N.C., hospital and pronounced "in great health" after feeling light-headed during a TV appearance Thursday morning. "After medical evaluation and a round of tests, Tom was pronounced in great health and has been discharged," NBC News President Steve Capus said in a statement released Thursday afternoon.

Capus expressed gratitude to the Carolinas Medical Center for Brokaw's excellent care. Hours earlier, the network had reported that Brokaw felt "light-headed" on the set of the news-talk program "Morning Joe," which originated this week from Charlotte, where the Democratic National Convention is taking place. "Out of an abundance of caution," the network said, Brokaw was taken to the hospital for examination.

At about 10 a.m., Brokaw offered his own diagnosis with this Twitter post: "All is well Early AM I mistakenly took a half dose of Ambien and made less sense than usual. Made a better comeback than Giants..." Ambien is a brand name for a sleep-inducer.

The 72-year-old Brokaw has been keeping a busy schedule of on-air appearances at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., last week and at the Democratic convention this week. □



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012 photo, actress, writer and comedienne Rebel Wilson, a cast member in the film "Bachelorette," poses for a portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

## Rebel Wilson brings quirky comedy to film and television

**SANDY COHEN**  
AP Entertainment Writer  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Get

ready to notice Rebel Wilson.

She may have already caught your eye with her brief appearance in "Bridesmaids," playing the freeloading roommate who reads Annie's (Kristen Wiig) diary after mistaking it for "a very sad, handwritten book."

The 28-year-old Australian actress' scene-stealing turn in the 2011 hit certainly got Hollywood's attention.

"Basically, the week 'Bridesmaids' came out, I booked up for the rest of the year," Wilson said during a recent interview. Among the gigs: Joining the A-list ensemble in "What to Expect When You're Expecting," voicing a hostile kangaroo in the animated "Ice Age: Continental Drift," working with Mark Wahlberg in Michael Bay's crime dramedy "Pain and Gain" and playing a silky-voiced (if aerobically challenged) competitive singer in next month's musical comedy "Pitch Perfect." She's also about to start taping a TV pilot with

Conan O'Brien, "Super Fun Night," which she's set to star in and produce.

Wilson's latest on-screen work is in "Bachelorette," in theaters Friday. Writer-director Leslye Headland cast the comedienne as the straight woman in the dark comedy. Wilson plays Becky, a sweet, beaming bride—the first of her friends to marry. Kirsten Dunst, Isla Fisher and Lizzy Caplan are her troubled clique of friends whose hard-partying antics threaten to ruin Becky's big day.

"It was sort of crazy, because it's like, really? You're going to cast Rebel Wilson as the straight guy?" Headland recalled. "Becky is a very difficult character to cast. You need really, really adept and fearless actors. I met Rebel and I saw her work and I was like, 'I have to have her.'"

"Pitch Perfect" director Jason Moore agrees with the fearless description.

"There's this beautiful openness to the way Rebel approaches everything," he said.

In "What to Expect," for example, the full-figured

actress trades outfits with petite Elizabeth Banks and romps about unselfconsciously.

Though Wilson is a fresh face for American audiences, she's no stranger to performing. A writer, actress and standup comic in her native Australia, she began on stage and appeared in more than a dozen TV shows before heading to Hollywood to break into movies. "Bridesmaids" was her first stateside job.

"I think I came to America at the right time," she said. "To have 'Bridesmaids' be the first thing I was cast in and to have that be just such a huge hit, even though I was just part of the ensemble in that — I have just been working nonstop. I'm a writer as well, so I've got lots of things in development and it's crazy. It's just been a nonstop whirlwind, and I can't wait for people to see all these movies."

Meanwhile, she is embracing her growing profile and her newly adopted culture. Wilson's film jobs have taken her around the country: □

## Joe South, singer-songwriter from 70s, dies at 72

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Singer-songwriter Joe South, who penned hits in the 1960s and 1970s like "Games People Play," and "Down in the Boondocks," died Wednesday, his music publisher said.

South was 72.

South, whose real name was Joseph Souter, died at his home in Buford, Georgia, northeast of Atlanta, according to Marion Merck of the Hall County Coroner's office. Merck said South died from natural causes stemming from a heart attack.

"He's one of the greatest songwriters of all time," said Butch Lowery, president of the Lowery Group, which published South's music. "His songs have touched so many lives. He's such a wonderful guy and loved by many."

South was an inductee in the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

South's song

"Down in the Boondocks" was a 1965 hit for singer Billy Joe Royal.

South worked as a session guitar player on recordings such as Aretha Franklin's "Chain of Fools," and on albums such as Bob Dylan's "Blonde on Blonde" and LPs by Eddy Arnold and Marty Robbins.

South also had a solo singing career producing hits such as the late 60s-song "Games People Play," which won him two Grammys for Best Contemporary Song and Song of the Year. The song, which was released on South's debut album "Introspect," spoke against hate, hypocrisy and inhumanity.

"Walk A Mile In My Shoes" and "Don't It Make You Want to Go Home" were also hits for South.

He also wrote the Grammy-nominated "(I Never Promised You a) Rose Garden" for Lynn Anderson.

But his music career was struck by tragedy when his brother, Tommy Souter, committed suicide in 1971. South's last album was "Classic Masters" in 2002. □



# The Elevator Speech



**DAVID BROOKS**  
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Why did God put Barack Obama on this earth? If you had asked that question between his 2004 convention address and his 2008 campaign, the answer could have been summarized in a short elevator speech.

Obama was here to heal our politics, to move us beyond the stale debates and the childish partisanship that lead to stagnation, futility and silliness.

This purpose did not survive contact with reality. But Obama found other clear missions. In 2009, his mission was to avert the worst of the financial crisis. In 2010, it was to expand health insurance coverage.

During this time, you knew what Barack Obama was about, where his priorities lay. But, since 2010, that has not been the case. Since then, Rep. Paul Ryan has been driving the Washington policy debate with his plan to cut spending and restructure entitlements. Obama, meanwhile, has produced a string of budgets so inconsequential that members of his own party have not even noticed them.

Obama has been reactive. He has been defined by the various negotiating positions he has taken in his confrontations with Congress. He's used a more partisan political style to mask his small-bore policy substance. It's not clear what he is passionate to do if he is elected for another four years. The Democratic convention is his best chance to offer an elevator speech, to define America's most pressing challenge and how he plans to address it. He has three clear options.

First, global warming. Obama has occasionally said he'd like to do something about climate change if he gets a second term. Given the country's immediate economic and fiscal problems, this seems obtuse to me. But if this is really where Obama's passion lies, he should go for it. He could vow to double down on green energy and green technology. He could revive cap-and-trade legislation that would create incentives for clean innovation. He could propose a tax reform package that would substitute gasoline and energy consumption taxes for a piece of our current income taxes. He could say that his No. 1 international priority will be to get a global warming treaty ratified by all the major nations.

This would be a big, intellectually serious agenda, designed

to address a big problem.

Second, broken capitalism. Obama could go before the convention and say that there has been a giant failure at the heart of modern capitalism. Even in good times, the wealth that modern capitalism generates is not being shared equitably. Workers are not seeing the benefits of their own productivity gains.

Obama could offer policies broad enough to address this monumental problem. He could vow to strengthen unions. He could promise to use federal funds to pay for 500,000 more teachers and 2 million more infrastructure jobs. He could cap the mortgage interest deduction, cap Social Security benefits, raise taxes on the rich, raise taxes on capital gains and embrace other measures to redistribute money from those who are prospering to those who are not. He could crack down on outsourcing and regulate trade. He could throw himself behind a new industrial policy to create manufacturing jobs.

This agenda wouldn't appeal to moderates, or people like me, but it's huge, it's serious and it would highlight a real problem. Third, Bowles-Simpson. Everybody pays lip service to the Bowles-Simpson plan to reduce the deficit, but neither campaign really embraces it.

Obama could use his convention to throw himself wholeheartedly behind the general Bowles-Simpson approach. He could argue that America is weighed down by rotting institutions and faces fiscal ruin. He could vow to push through tax reform that would lower rates and reduce loopholes. He could endorse a 22 percent cap on government spending. He could commit to limiting the growth of domestic and defense spending. He could double down on his health care cost containment ideas. He could restructure Social Security and make it more progressive. This, too, is a big, serious agenda, addressing a real national need. This, too, is an agenda commensurate with the size of the problem that confronts us. Personally, I wish Obama would use this convention to embrace Bowles-Simpson. That would lay the foundation for decades of prosperity. It would galvanize a new center-left majority.

But, mostly, I wish he'd be for something. I wish he'd rise above the petty tactical considerations that have shrunk him over the past two years. I wish he'd finally define what he stands for. A liberal populist? A Clintonian moderate? At some point, you have to choose.

Four years ago, Obama said we could no longer postpone tackling the big problems. But now he seems driven by a fear of defeat. His proposals seem bite-size. If Obama can't tell us the big policy thing he wants to do, he doesn't deserve a second term. □



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Mitt Romney has been criticized for not discussing foreign policy. Give him a break. He probably figures he's already said all that he needs to say during the primaries: He has a big stick, and he is going to use it on Day 1. Or as he put it: "If I'm president of the United States ... on Day 1, I will declare China a currency manipulator, allowing me to put tariffs on products where they are stealing American jobs unfairly."

That is really cool. Smack China on Day 1. I just wonder what happens on Day 2 when China, the biggest foreign buyer of U.S. debt securities, announces that it will not participate in the next Treasury auction, sending our interest rates soaring. That will make Day 3 really, really cool. Welcome to the Romney foreign policy, which I'd call: "George W. Bush abroad — the cartoon version."

I know that Romney doesn't believe a word he's saying on foreign policy and that it's all aimed at ginning up votes: There's some China-bashing to help in the Midwest, some Arab-bashing to win over the Jews, some Russia-bashing (our "No. 1 geopolitical foe") to bring in the Polish vote, plus a dash of testosterone to keep the neocons off his back.

What's odd is that Romney was in a position to sound smart on foreign policy, not like a knee-jerk hawk. He just needed to explain what every global business leader learned long before governments did — that, since the end of the Cold War, the world has become not just more interconnected but more interdependent and this new structural reality requires a

## It's Mitt's World

new kind of American leadership. Why?

In this increasingly interdependent world, your "allies" can hurt you as much as your "enemies." After all, the biggest threats to President Barack Obama's re-election are whether little Greece pulls out of the eurozone and triggers a global economic meltdown or whether Israel attacks Iran and does the same. In this increasingly interdependent world, your rivals can threaten you as much by collapsing as by rising. Think of what would happen to U.S. markets and jobs if China's growth slowed to a crawl and there was internal instability there? In this increasingly interdependent world, we have few pure "enemies" anymore: Iran, North Korea, Cuba, al-Qaida, the Taliban. But we have many "frenemies," or half friends/half foes. While the Pentagon worries about a war with China, the Commerce Department is trying to get China to buy more Boeing planes and every American university worth its salt is opening a campus in Beijing; meanwhile, the Chinese are investing in American companies left and right. President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela is the biggest thorn in America's side in Latin America and a vital source of our imported oil. The U.S. and Russia are on opposing sides in Syria, but the U.S. supported Russia's joining the World Trade Organization and American businesses are lobbying Congress to lift Cold War trade restrictions on Russia so they can take advantage of its more open market. Think of Egypt. I was critical of Egypt's new president, Mohammed Morsi, from the Muslim Brotherhood, for attending the Nonaligned Movement summit meeting in Iran. I argued that he was giving legitimacy to an Iranian regime that had crushed the very kind of democratic movement that brought Morsi to power. But Morsi surprised me, for the better, by using his visit to Tehran to call out the Iranian leadership for

supporting Syria's "oppressive" regime. The Iranians were livid. You can be sure that, on other days, Morsi will say and do things that will give us indigestion. We still need Egypt's strategic support in the region. It still needs our economic aid. But a more democratic, Muslim Brotherhood-led Egypt will not behave like the automatic ally it was before. We'll need a new kind of relationship. It will be complicated.

But that's today's world, and the leadership challenge it poses is easy to describe but hard to pull off. If the world is more interdependent, how do we create healthy interdependencies so we rise together, rather than unhealthy interdependencies so we fall together? The 2008 global economic crisis was an example of an unhealthy interdependency. So is the failure to reach any kind of global climate agreement. When we bring Russia into the World Trade Organization, we're creating a healthy interdependency. When Russia protects Syria's dictator, even when he's crushing his own people, it's creating an unhealthy interdependency.

The best way for an American president to forge healthy interdependencies is, first, to get our own house in order and gain the leverage — in terms of resources and moral authority — that come from leading by example. For instance, Romney is right: There are unhealthy aspects to the U.S.-China interdependency that need working on, but they are not all China's fault. We would have more leverage to build a more healthy relationship if we saved more, consumed less, studied harder and got our own banks to behave less recklessly.

Republicans love to criticize Obama for "leading from behind." But if you're not leading by example in an interdependent world, you can lead from the front or behind — no one will follow you for long. □



# Emanuel takes on role as 'Super PAC' wrangler

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**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** – Senior Democrats put aside any remaining qualms about jumping into the "super PAC" era, enlisting Mayor Rahm Emanuel of Chicago to focus on raising money for outside groups that are

seeking to help the White House rather than keep a leadership role in President Barack Obama's re-election campaign. With less than nine weeks before the election and with conservative groups outspending their pro-Democratic counterparts, Dem-

ocrats disclosed Wednesday that Emanuel would try to help them close the fundraising gap and said that congressional leaders would step up their efforts as well. Emanuel, who is leaving his honorary position as co-chairman of Obama's

campaign, intends to help funnel donations to Priorities USA Action, a super PAC founded by two former Obama aides. The group is more than \$60 million short of its goal, reflecting a philosophical objection to outside groups among many wealthy liberals, and



**Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel addresses the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012. Senior Democrats put aside any remaining qualms about jumping into the "super PAC" era, persuading Emanuel to give up his leadership role in Obama's re-election campaign and focus instead on raising money for outside groups. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)**

a feeling among donors that the White House has been insufficiently attentive to them.

The move thrusts him into the kind of role long played by Karl Rove, the Republican strategist who advises and raises money for a network of Republican-leaning outside groups that intend to spend as much as \$500 million in the campaign. Emanuel will also raise money for two super PACs that support Democratic congressional campaigns, beginning with a fundraiser in Chicago on Monday for one of the groups, House Majority PAC.

"I just find all the special-interest money lined up on the other side, tilting the scales in a way that I don't want to see. Emanuel is the latest and among the most high-profile examples of how the lines have blurred between campaigns and their outside supporters. A former White House chief of staff to Obama and the current mayor of the president's hometown, Emanuel is deeply immersed in his party's strategy. Now he is barred from coordinating with the Obama campaign – a prohibition that has proved to be of little consequence to prominent members of either party at a time when relatively weak rules have been exploited to knit the parties' official and unofficial wings into unified machines. □

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